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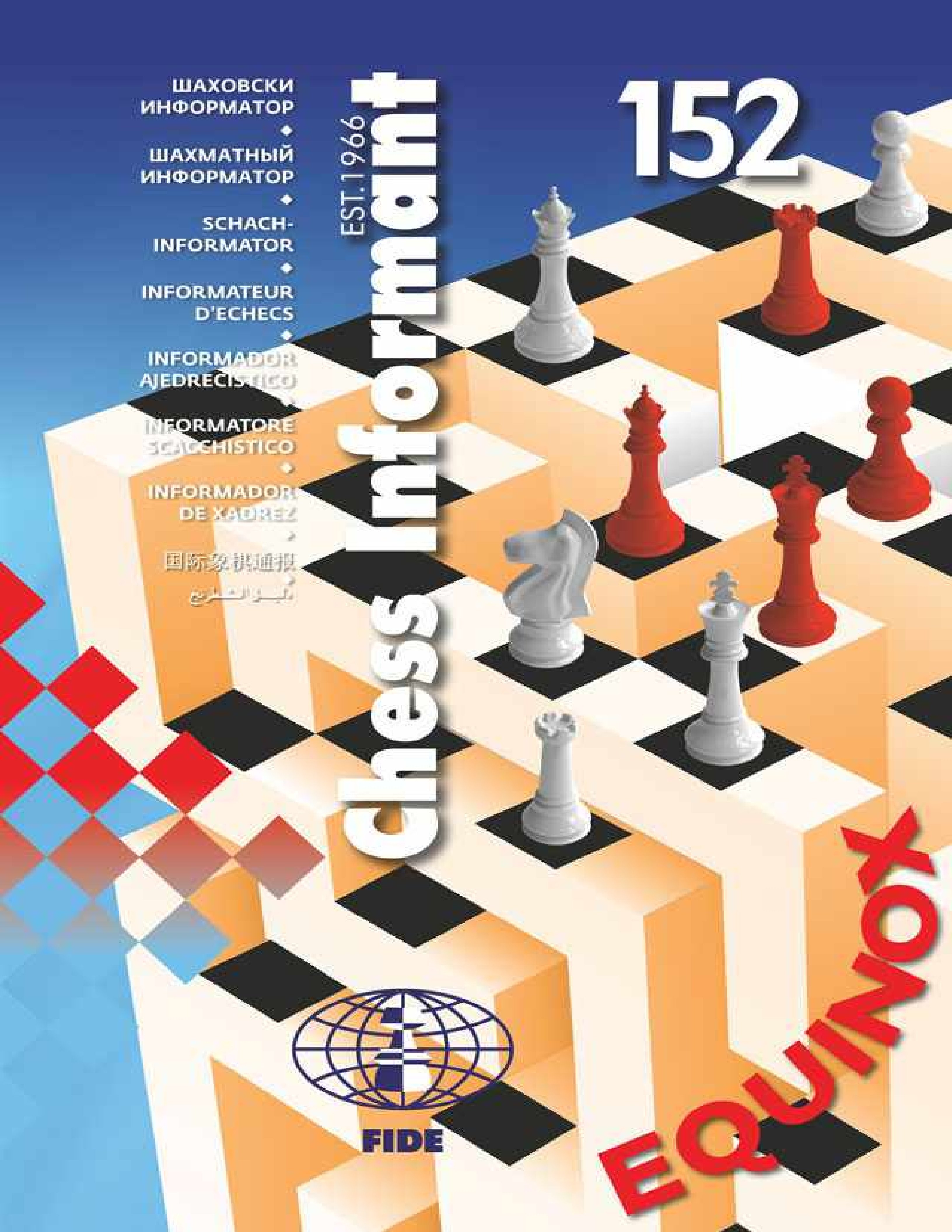

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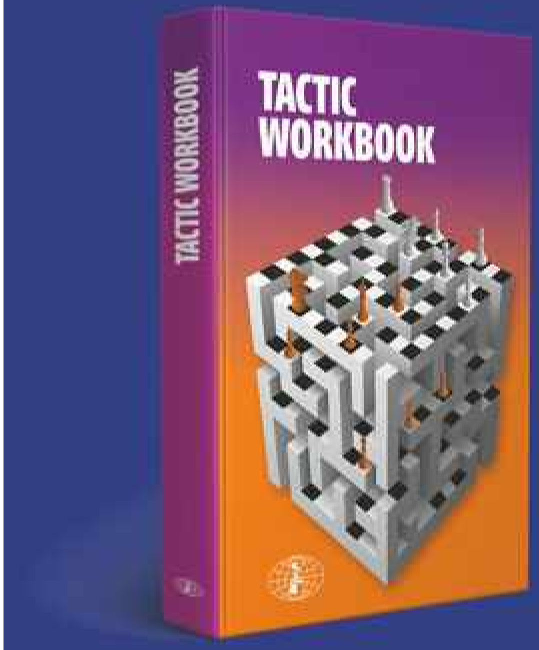

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⩲	white stands slightly better
⩱	black stands slightly better
±	white has the upper hand
∓	black has the upper hand
+−	white has a decisive advantage
−+	black has a decisive advantage
=	even
∞	unclear
=∞	with compensation for the material
↻	development advantage
O	greater board room
→	with attack
↑	with initiative
⇄	with counterplay
ʘ	zugzwang
#	mate
!	a very good move
!!	an excellent move
?	a mistake
??	a blunder
!?	a move deserving attention
?!	a dubious move
∆	with the idea
□	only move
⌓	better is
⊞	centre
⟫	king's side
⟪	queen's side
×	weak point
⊥	endgame
⧉	bishops of opposite color

▞	bishops of the same color
○○	double pawns
♁	passed pawn
>	advantage in number of pawns
⊕	time
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N	a novelty
(ch)	championship
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(ct)	candidates' tournament
(m)	match
(ol)	olympiad
corr.	correspondence game
RR	editorial comment
R	various moves
∟	with
–	see

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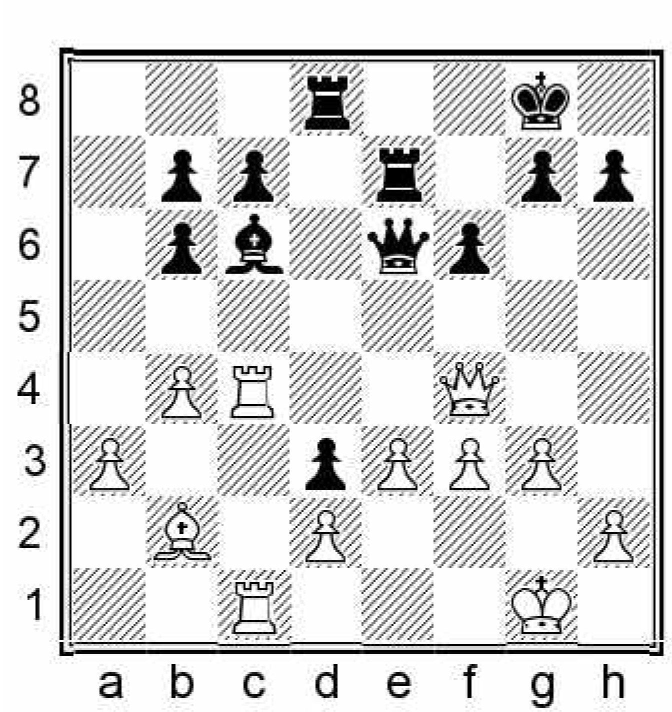
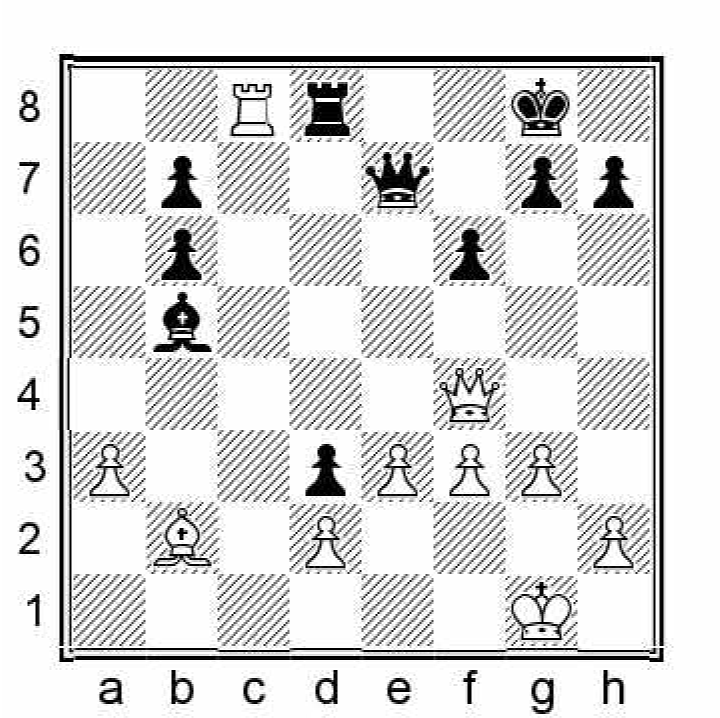
Editors' Pick

151/18. A29
Hikaru NAKAMURA 2736 — Andrey ESIPENKO 2714
Berlin 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5 5.cd5 ♘d5 6.♗g2 ♗c5 7.0-0 0-0 8.♕c2!? [8.d3 – 149/10] **8...♘f6 9.a3 N** [RR 9.d3 ♗g4!? 10.♗g5 ♗f3 11.♗f3 ♘d4 12.♕c1 ♘f3 13.ef3 c6=; 9...h6⇄] **9...♘d4** [9...♗g4 10.b4 ♗d6 11.e3!± ♕d7 12.b5 ♘a5 13.d4!↑] **10.♘d4 ed4 11.b4 ♗b6?!** [11...♗e7 12.♘a4 ♖b8 13.e3 d3 14.♕b1±] **12.♘a4± ♖e8 13.♘b6 ab6 14.e3 d3** [RR 14...de3 15.fe3 (15.de3!?↑ b5 16.♗b2 c6 17.e4 ♗e6 18.♖ad1 ♕e7 19.f4±) 15...b5 16.♗b2 ♖a6 17.♖ac1±] **15.♕c3 ♘e4 16.♕c4 ♗f5 17.♗b2 ♕d7 18.♗e4!? ♗e4 19.f3 ♗c6 20.♖ac1 ♖e7 21.♕f4 f6 22.♖c4 ♖d8 23.♖fc1± ♕e6**



24.b5! ♗b5 25.♖e4 ♕f7 26.♖e7 ♕e7 27.♖c7 ♖d7 28.♖c8 ♖d8 [28...♔f7 29.♕f5 ♗c6 30.♕h5 ♔e6 31.♖e8+–]



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1 : 0 Elshan Moradiabadi

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Editors' Pick

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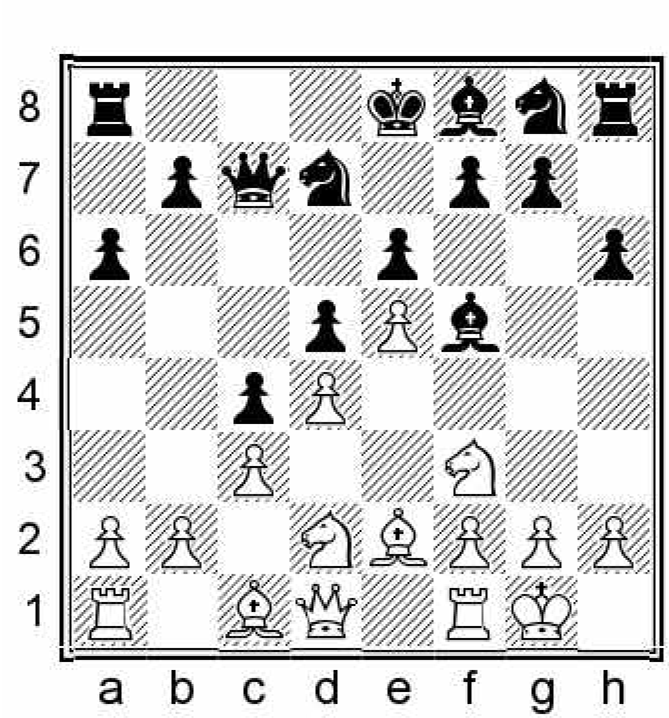
Nidjat MAMEDOV 2604 — Aydin SULEYMANLI 2530
Azerbaijan 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘d2 e6 5.♘b3 ♘d7 6.♘f3 ♕c7 7.♗e2 a6 [7...c5 – 151/31] **8.0-0 c5 9.c3 c4 10.♘bd2 h6**



11.♘e1! N [11.♖e1] **11...♘e7 12.♘c2 g5 13.♘e3 ♗g6 14.b3 cb3 15.c4!** [15.♘b3 ♕c3 16.♗d2 ♕c7 17.♗h5=∞] **15...dc4** [15...ba2 16.cd5 ♘d5 17.♘d5 ed5 18.♖a2 ♗e7 19.♖e1 0-0 20.♘f1 (20.h4±) 20...♗b4 21.♗d2 ♗d2 22.♖d2 a5 23.♘e3±] **16.♘dc4± ♘c6** [16...♗c2 17.♕d2 ♘d5 18.♘d5 ed5 19.♘e3 ♘b6 20.ab3 ♗b3 21.♗b2±; 16...♘f5 17.♘f5 ♗f5 18.♕b3 ♗e4 19.♗a3±] **17.♗b2** [17.d5!? ♘ce5 18.de6 fe6 19.♗b2 ♘c4 20.♗c4 ♖h7 21.♗e6+–] **17...b5 18.♘d6 ♗d6 19.ed6 ♕d6 20.d5 ♘ce5 21.♕d4** [21.ab3 0-0 22.♕d4 ♖fe8 23.f4 gf4 24.♕f4 ed5 25.♕h6 d4 26.♘f5 ♕f6 27.♕h3±] **21...0-0 22.f4** [22.ab3 – 21.ab3] **22...gf4 23.♕f4 ♘c4** [23...ba2 24.♖a2 h5 (24...ed5 25.♕h6 ♖fe8 26.♖f4 f6 27.♖g4!+–) 25.♗a3+–] **24.♕d6 ♘d6 25.de6 ♖ae8 26.♗g4! ♘b6** [26...fe6 27.♖fd1+–] **27.ab3 f5 28.♖a6** [28.♗f3 ♖e6 29.♘d5 ♘e4 30.♖a6+–] **28...fg4 29.♖f8 ♔f8 30.♖b6 ♖e6 31.♘g4+– ♗f5 32.♘e5 ♔g8** [32...♔e8 33.♘f3 ♗e4 34.♘d4 ♖g6 35.♗a3] **33.h3 ♗c2 34.b4 ♗b3 35.♔h2 ♗d5 36.♗a1 ♔f8 37.♘d3 ♗c4 38.♘c5 ♖e1 39.♗c3**

1 : 0 Goran Arsović

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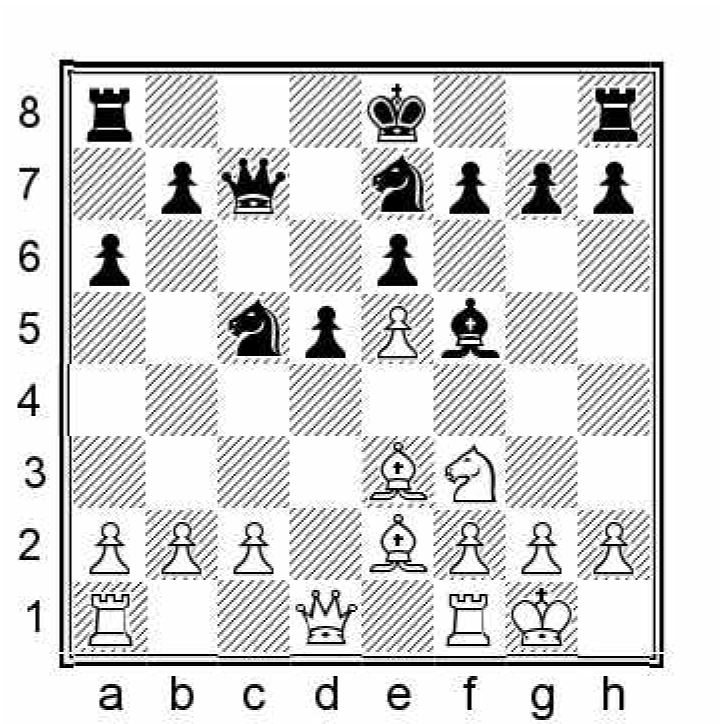

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a2) 12.c4! dc4 13.♕d6 ♖c8 (Cem Kaan Gökerkan 2466 – Matthias Blübaum 2674, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021) 14.♗c4 0-0 15.♖ac1 ♘e4 16.♕c7 ♖c7 17.♗b3±;

b) 9...♘c5 10.♘bd4 ♗g6 11.c3 ♘e7 12.♗f4 ♘c6 13.h3 ♗e7= Ildar Imashev 2268 – Dmitry Darmin 2043, Sterlitamak 2012

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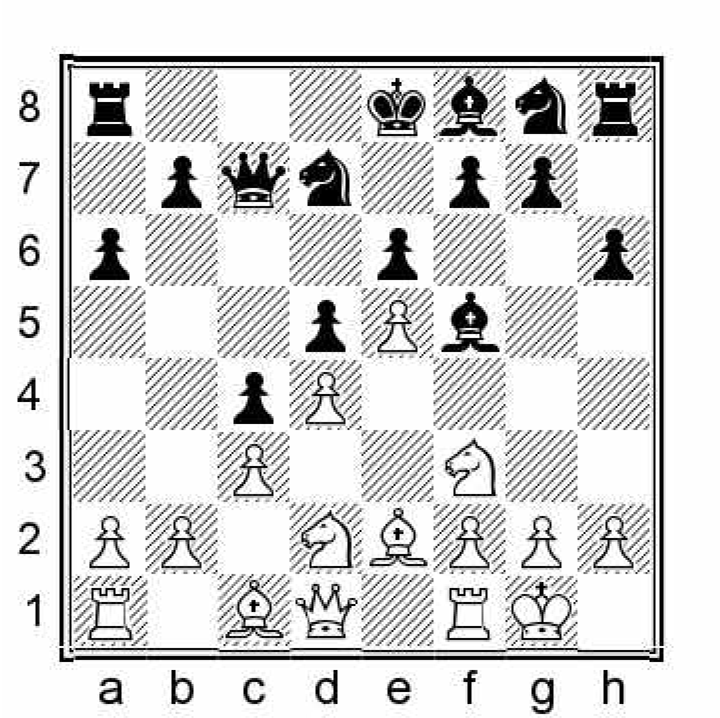

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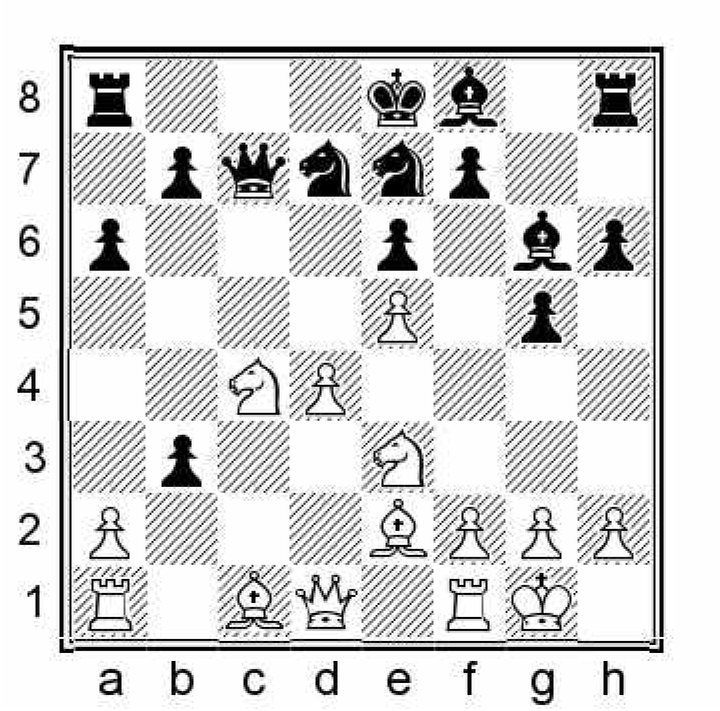

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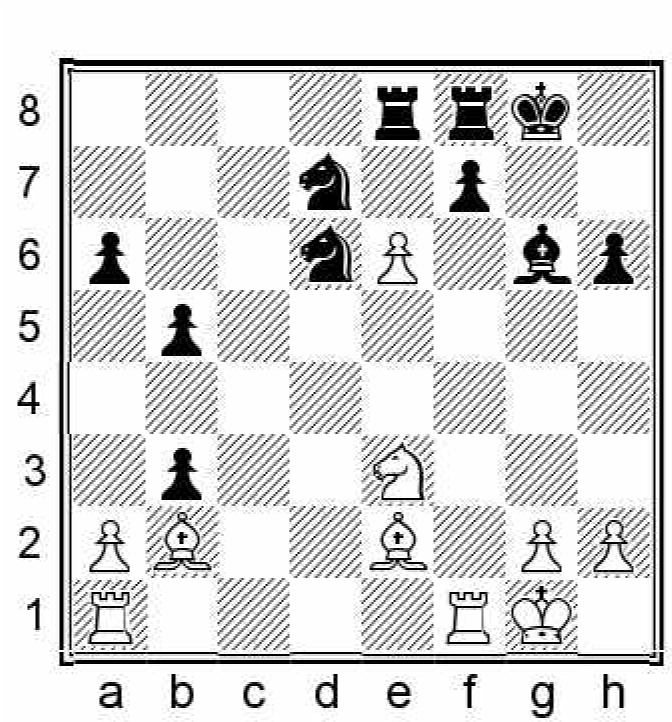

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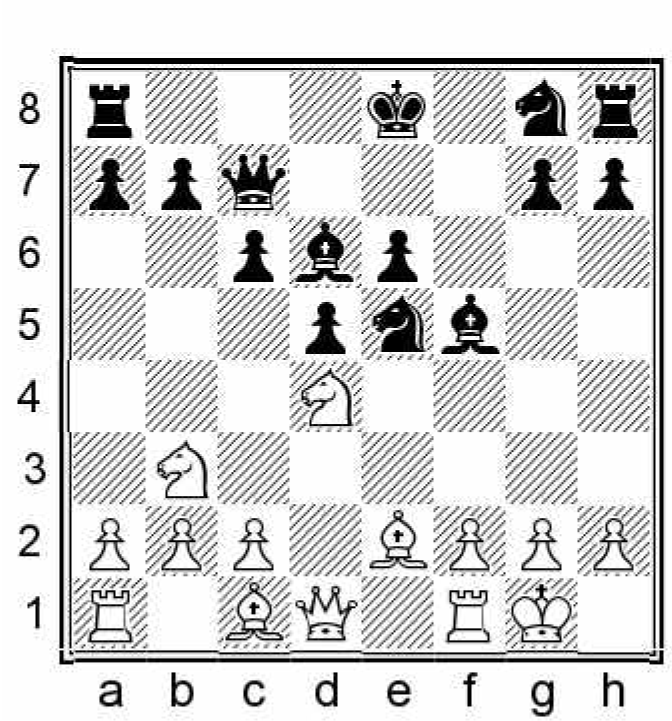

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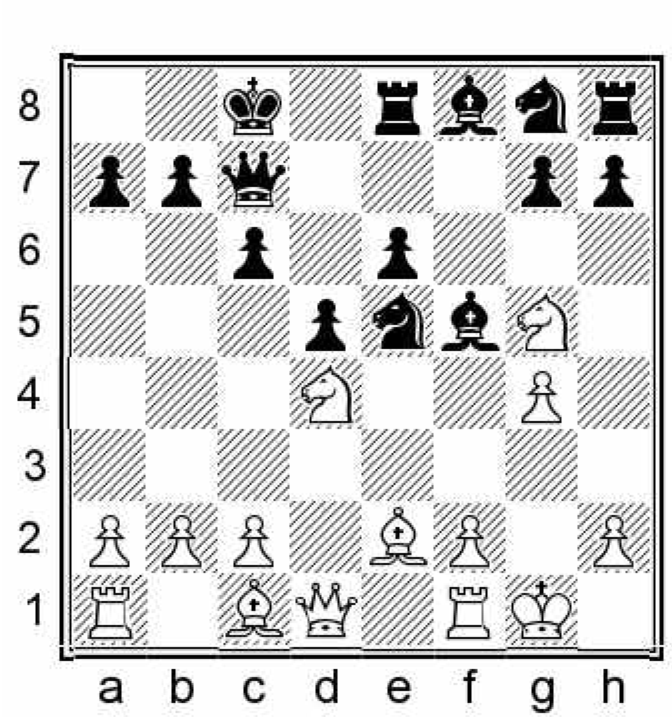
19.♘f3+– Yaroslav Zinchenko 2547 – Dmitry Elizarov 2356, Voronezh 2010] 10.♘bd4 ♘e5 11.♖e1 [11.♘g5?! ♖e8 12.g4



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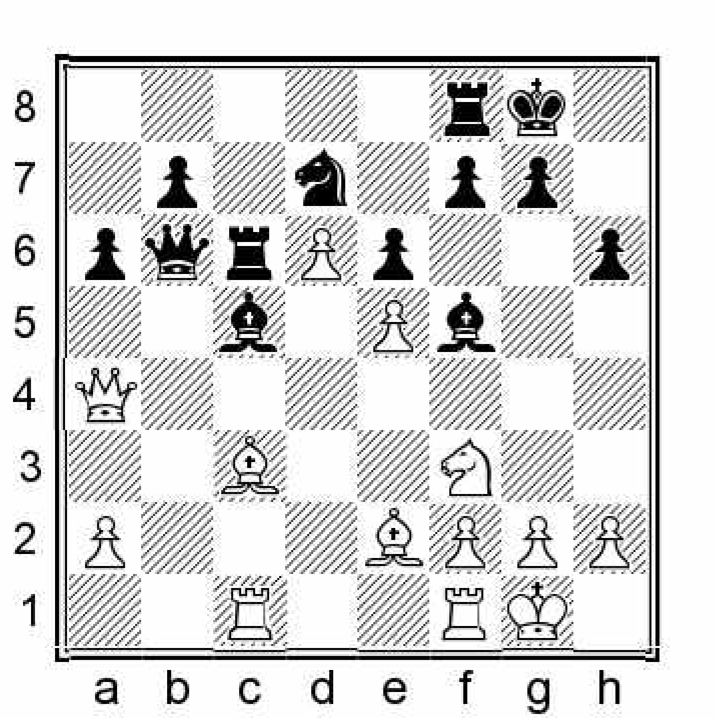

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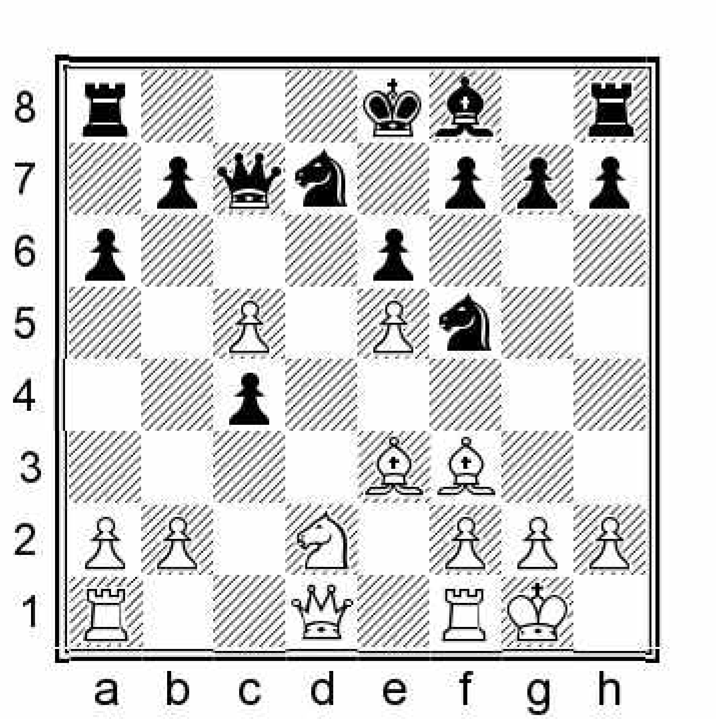

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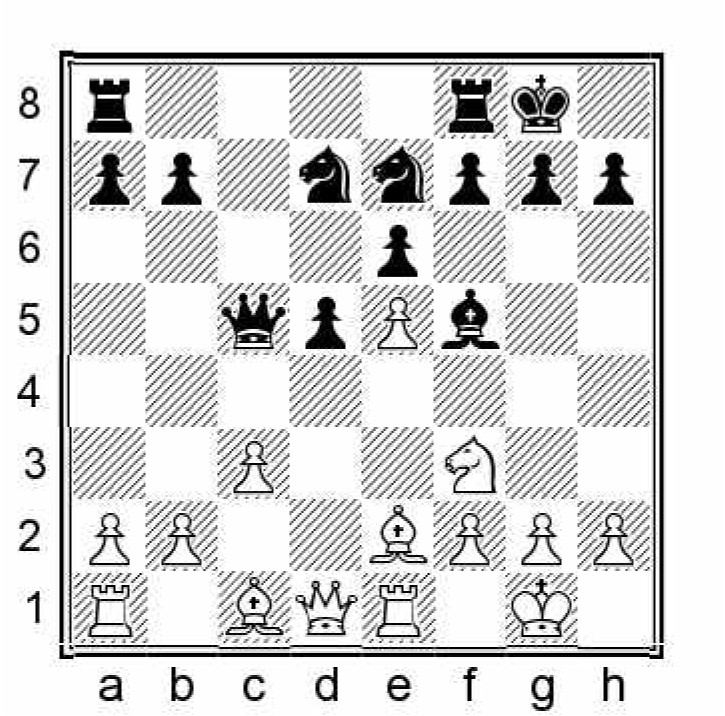
a1) 12.♖e1



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a12) 12...♗g4 13.♘d4 ♗e2 14.♖e2 ♖fc8 15.h4 ♘c6 16.♗f4 ♕e7 17.♘f3 b5∞ Chen Fan 2375 – Alexander Riazantsev 2710, China 2012;

a13) 12...♕b6! 13.♗f1 ♘c6 14.♘d4 ♗g6 15.♘c6 bc6 16.h4 h6 17.h5 ♗h7 18.b3 a5 19.♗f4 ♔h8 20.♕d2 c5 21.♖e3 a4 22.b4 a3 23.♗d3 ♖g8 24.♗h7 ♔h7 25.♖b1 ♕a6∞ Benjámin Gledura 2613 – Ferenc Berkes 2658, Budapest 2017;

a2) 12.♗f4 ♗g4 13.♖e1 ♘g6 14.♗g3 b5 15.♖c1 ♖ac8 16.♕d2 ♕b6 17.h3 ♗h5 18.♗h2 ♗f3 19.♗f3 ♖c6 20.♗g3 ♖fc8 21.a3 a5 22.h4 ♘c5 23.♖cd1 ♘e7 24.♕g5 ♖6c7∞ Sergei Rublevsky 2686 – Victor Bologan 2687, Russia 2012;

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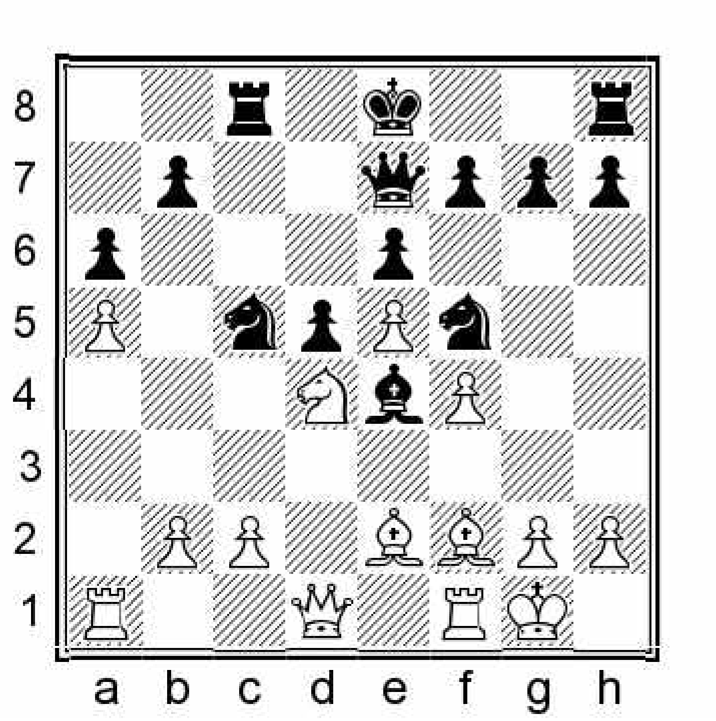
15.♗f2 ♕e7 16.a5 [16.♕d2 0-0 17.b4 ♘d7∞]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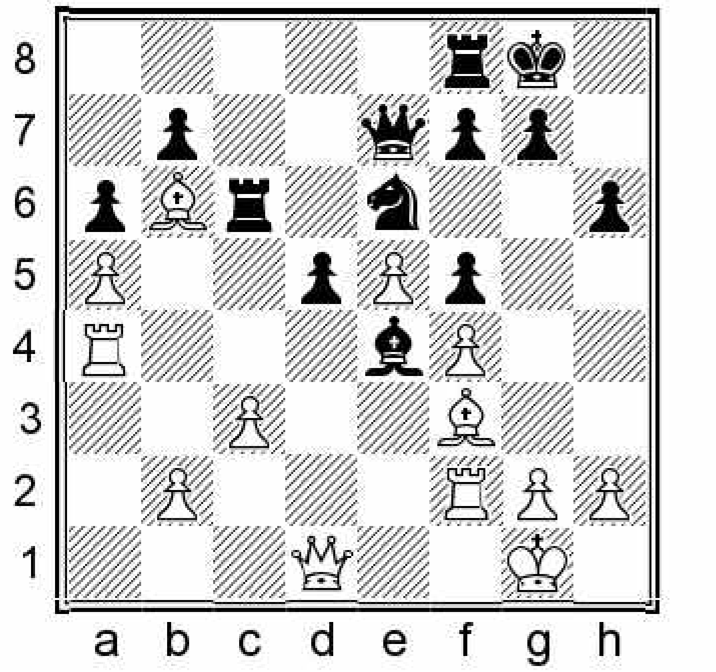
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By GM Rafael Leitão

THE AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Rafael Leitão

- **Country:** Brazil
- **Born:** 1979
- **Rating:** 2592
- **Peak rating:** 2652
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1998

The American Continental was held in El Salvador during the first days of May. The tournament guaranteed 4 spots at the World Cup and after the usual tragedy and drama that these tournaments always offer the happiest participants were:

1. Timur Gareyev (USA) - 9½/11

Charismatic, adventurous and easy going grandmaster that brings to the chessboard his carefree style. His games are always entertaining and he played a fantastic tournament.

2. Christopher Yoo (USA) - 8/11

15 year old grandmaster managed to achieve another success in his career. I came to know him recently due to his achievements in online blitz tournaments. I am sure we will hear a lot about him in the near future.

3. Yasser Quesada Perez (CUB) - 8/11

With 3 grandmasters (if I'm not missing any), the Quesada Perez family is as traditional as it gets. Yasser played a solid tournament and reamined undefeated.

4. Gregory Kaidanov (USA) - 8/11

Everybody loves to see the veteran fighting his way against the young sharks. I am no exception. The 62 year old grandmaster displayed wonderful fighting chess and played great games.

SAN SALVADOR, V 2022
The XV American Continental Chess Championship
(117 players, 11 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Gareyev* 9½, 2—8. Ch. Yoo*, Ya. Quesada Pérez*, Kaidanov*, Proudian, Figueredo Losada, J. Sarkar, Salinas Herrera 8, 9—13. Pichot, Hungaski, Thavandiran, Cervantes Landeiro, Ca. Morales 7½, 14—24. D. Świercz, Morovic Fernández, Ju. Díaz Rosas, Krysa, J. Girón, Valdés Romero, Mekhitarian, Cabezas Solano, Noboa Silva, Díaz Villagrán, Chinchilla Miranda 7, etc.

* Qualified for the next FIDE World Cup 2023.

In this article I will show some of my favourite games from the tournament, in chronological order. We had everything: new opening ideas, fierce attacks, instructive endgames, blood and tears.

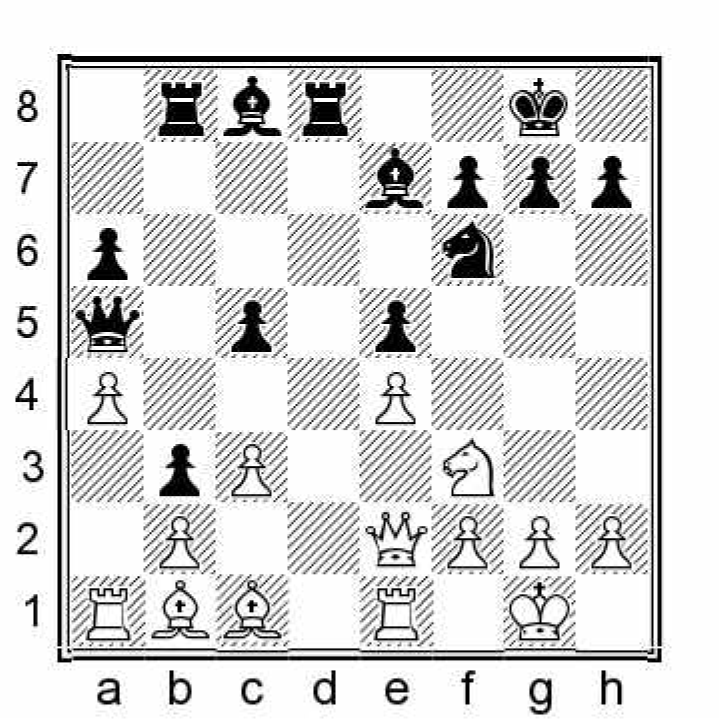
Argentina's GM Alan Pichot failed to qualify but showed his usual class during the tournament. I quite enjoyed his win against my countryman Armen (about whom you will read more in this article) in the 4th round. I like Alan's opening repertoire very much - agressive and classical.

C88
Pichot, Alan (2652) - Proudian, Armen (2418)
San Salvador, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5!

Due to Italian Opening "sickness" I will always give an exclamation mark for this move until further notice.

3...a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4 b4 9.d3 d6 10.c3 ♖b8 11.♘bd2 ♘a5 12.♗a2 c5 13.d4 ♕c7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.♘c4 ♖d8 16.♕e2 b3 17.♘xa5 ♕xa5 18.♗b1 White's bishops looks clumsy, but they are ready to come back to the board.



18...♕c7?

18...c4! 19.♕xc4 ♗c5 is a better try. Black has compensation. 20.h3 ♘h5!

19.♗d3± Now the "Spanish Bishop" is back into the game.

19...♘e8 The first new move, but Black is already lost.

19...a5 20.♗g5 was played in the blitz game Carlsen,Magnus 2714 - Adams,Michael 2729, Moscow (blitz) 2007

19...♕d6 20.♗c4 ♗e6 21.♘g5 ♗xc4 22.♕xc4± Gormally,Daniel 2484 - Hawkins,Jonathan 2554, Great Britain (ch) 2015

20.♗c4

20.♗xa6 was simpler. 20...♗xa6 21.♕xa6 c4 22.♗e3+-

20...♘d6 21.♗d5 ♗f6 22.♘d2 ♗b7 23.♗xb3 ♘xe4

23...♗g5±

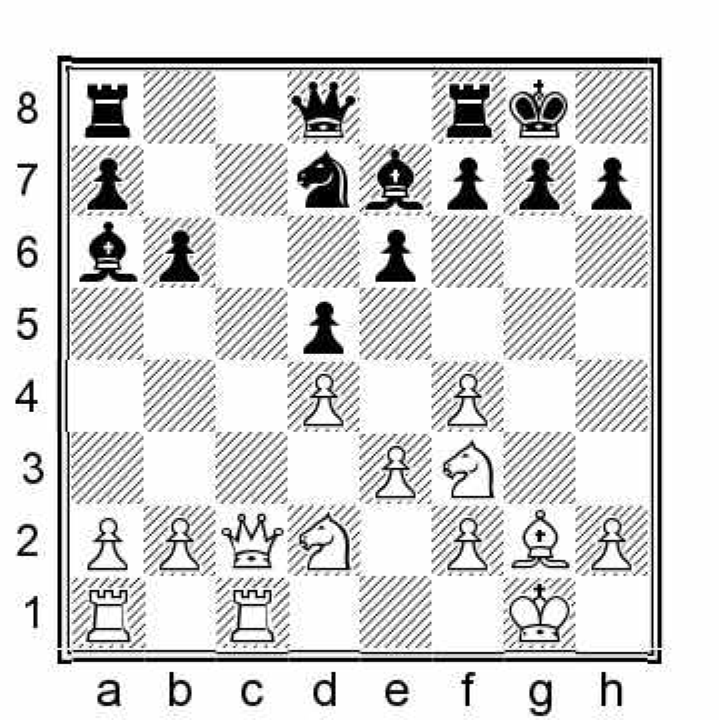
24.♘xe4 ♗xe4 25.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 26.♕xe4+- - and White is winning.

26...♕d5 27.♕e2 ♕d3 28.♕g4 ♖b6 29.♗e3 ♕d7 30.♕e2 ♗e7 31.b4 ♖g6 32.♖ed1 ♕c6 33.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 34.g3 cxb4 35.cxb4 h6 36.b5 ♕c3 37.♖c1 ♕a5 38.♕d3 e4 39.♕xe4 ♖d6 40.♗f4 ♖f6 41.♖c8 ♔f7 42.♕d5+ ♔e7 43.♗d2 ♕b6 44.♗e3 ♕a5 45.♗c5+ ♔e8 46.♔g2 axb5 47.axb5 1-0

I am a big fan of chess studies and I couldn't pass the chance to show this endgame where a study-like draw could be found. I will show some brief comments until we get to the most interesting part.

E08
Sarkar, Justin (2325) - Yoo, Christopher Woojin (2535)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O ♘bd7 8.♕c2 c6 9.♗f4 b6 10.♘bd2 ♗a6 11.♖fc1 ♘h5 12.cxd5 ♘xf4 13.gxf4 cxd5 14.e3



14...b5?!N

14...♖c8 15.♕a4 ♘b8=;

14...♗d6 15.♘e5 ♖c8=

15.♘b3

15.♗f1! ♖c8 16.♕d3 ♘b6 17.♖xc8 ♕xc8 18.b3±

15...♖c8 16.♕d1

16.♕d3 ♕b6 17.♗f1±

16...♕b6 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.fxe5 b4 19.♖xc8 ♖xc8 20.♖c1 ♗c4 21.♘d2 ♕a6 22.♗f1 ♗xf1 23.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 24.♘xf1= The endgame is equal, but the fight continues.

24...♕a6 25.♕b1 h5 26.♔g2 g6 27.b3 ♕e2 28.♘g3 ♕d2 29.♘f1 ♕c3 30.♕d1 ♕b2 31.♕d2 ♕b1 32.h3 ♕e4+ 33.♔g1 ♕b1 34.♔g2 a5 35.♕e2 ♔g7 36.♘h2 ♕e4+ 37.f3

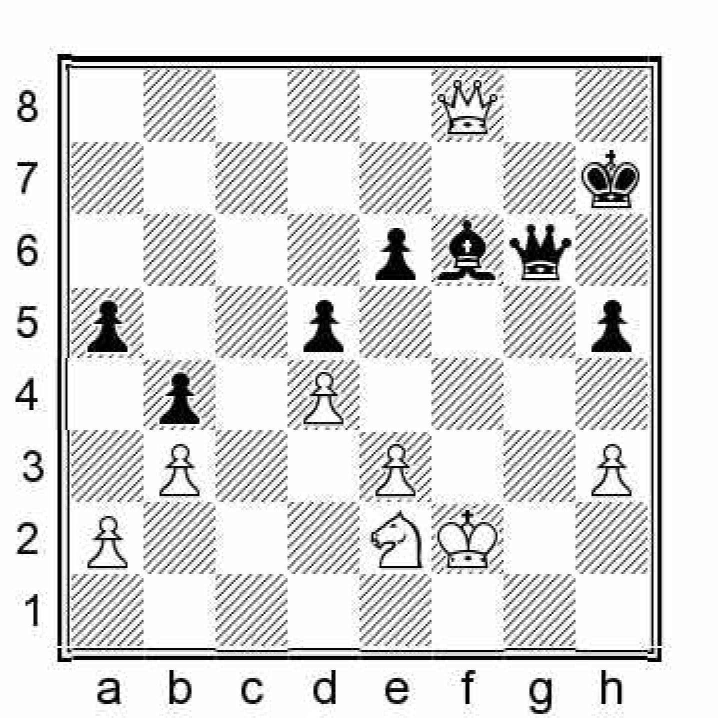
37.♘f3=; 37.♔g1=

37...♕f5 38.f4 ♕e4+ 39.♘f3 g5! 40.fxg5 ♗xg5 41.♔f2 ♗h6 42.♘d2 ♕h1 43.♕f3

43.♔g3=

43...♕h2+ 44.♔e1 ♗g5 45.♔d1 ♔g6 46.♔c2 ♕g1 47.♘f1 f6 48.exf6 ♗xf6 49.♔d3 ♕g5 50.♔e2 ♔h6

51.♘g3 ♕g6 52.♔f2 ♗g5 53.♕f8+ ♔h7 54.♘e2 ♗f6 Cristopher showed great fighting spirit and posed a number of small problems to his opponent. His effort finally pays out.



55.♘f4? After this natural move, suddenly White is lost.

55.♕d6=; 55.♔f3=; 55.♘g3=; 55.♔e1=

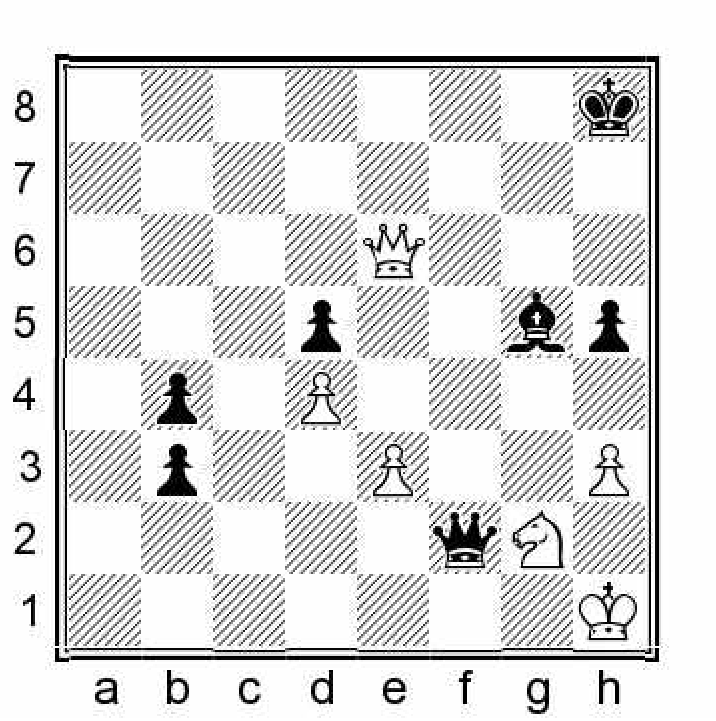
55...♗h4+-+ 56.♔f1 ♕b1+ 57.♔g2 ♕xa2+ 58.♔h1 ♕b1+ 59.♔h2 ♕c2+ 60.♔h1 ♕d1+ 61.♔h2 ♕d2+ 62.♘g2 ♕f2 63.♕d6 a4! 64.♕d7+ ♔h8 65.♔h1

65.♕e8+ ♔g7 66.♕d7+ ♔f8 67.♕c8+ ♔f7 68.♕d7+ ♗e7-+

65...axb3 66.♕xe6 ♗g5?

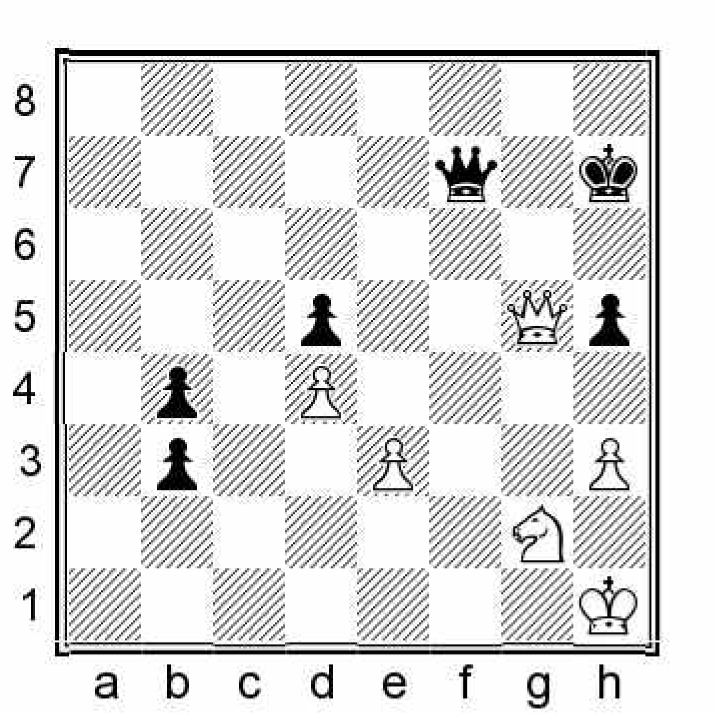
Now it's Black's turn to make a mistake. Of course, in the final moments, with the clock ticking and pressure mounting, anything can happen in a position with so many checks available.

66...♕f3-+; 66...♗g3-+



67.♕xd5? This loses.

67.♕e5+! As mentioned, White had a study-like draw beginning with this check. 67...♔h7 (67...♕f6 68.♕b8+ ♔g7 69.♕xb4=; 67...♗f6 68.♕e8+ ♔g7 69.♘f4!=) 68.♕xg5 ♕f7!?



A very clever try, again similar to a study. You can try your hand at this position: what is White's only drawing move? (68...b2 69.♕xh5+ ♔g7 70.♕g5+=) 69.♘h4!!= Opening the path for the queen and also controlling Black's queen. (69.♘f4? b2 70.♕g1 ♕f5-+) 69...b2 70.♕g1 ♕e6! 71.♔h2 ♕e4 72.♕f2! One more precise move. 72...b1=♕ 73.♕f7+= with a draw.

67...b2 68.♕xg5 b1=♕+ 0-1

Kaidanov played some crazy attack vs. defence games. This was one of those. Leonel, playing White, had a great tournament: 6th place and 21 rating points up.

C22
Figueredo Losada, Leonel (2337) - Kaidanov, Gregory S (2556)
San Salvador, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.d4 exd4 4.♕xd4 White's version of the Scandinavian Defence?

4...♘c6 5.♕d3 ♗c5 6.♗f4 d6 7.♕d2 O-O 8.O-O-O ♗e6 9.f3 Somehow it works for White.

9...♘d7 10.♗e3

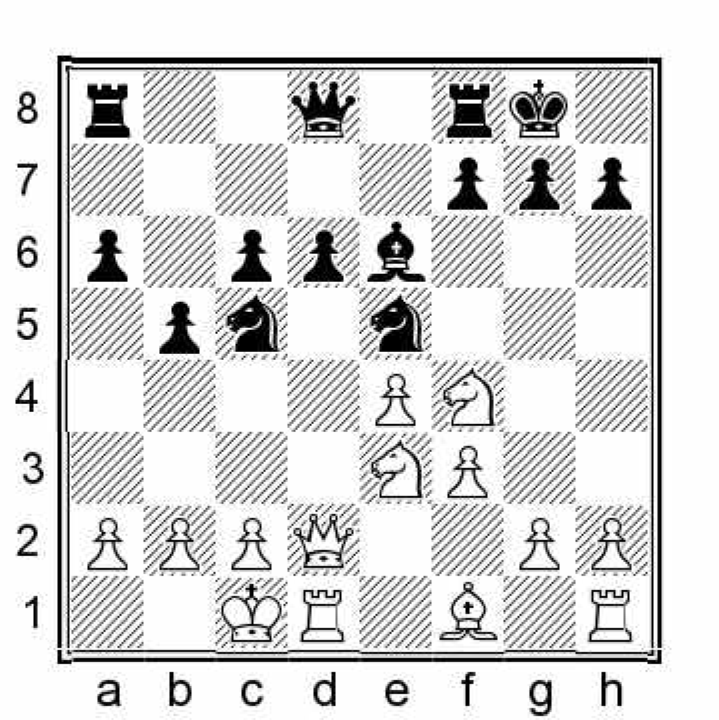
10.♔b1! I always like to start with this move before anything else.

10...a6 11.♗xc5 ♘xc5 12.♘ge2 b5 13.♘f4 ♘e5 14.♘cd5

14.♔b1 was better.

14...♖b8

14...c6! 15.♘e3 (15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♘e3 d5⇄)



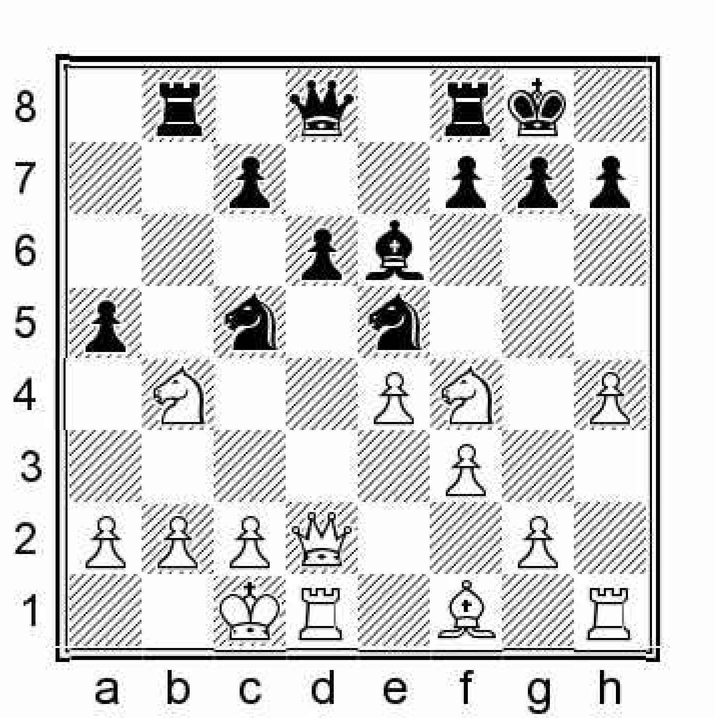
15...♗xa2! I knew the king was important on b1! 16.♕xd6 ♕xd6 17.♖xd6 a5 and Black is fine.

15.h4 b4?! An interesting pawn sacrifice, but the computer is not afraid to accept it.

15...c6

16.♘h5? Knight on the rim is dim. Is this true even when you want to checkmate your opponent?

16.♘xb4 a5



17.♘a6! This is a pretty difficult move for a human. 17...♘xa6 18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.♗xa6 and Black's compensation is not enough for equality.

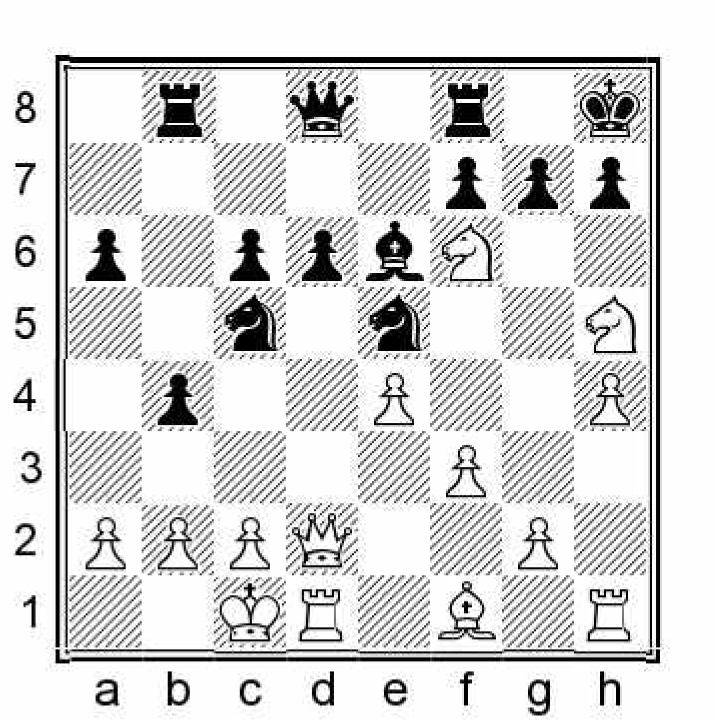
16...c6? This was like adding fuel to the fire.

16...f6!∓ was the prophilatic move and Black would prove the old saying. But now the fire starts.

17.♘df6+! Surely this was expected.

17...♔h8 How should White proceed now?

17...gxf6?? 18.♕h6+-



18.f4? A fatal mistake.

18.♕g5! was the way to go. Probably Leonel didn't see a good reply against Black's forced move. 18...♘g6□ But, White can keep the pressure with a standard sacrifice. 19.♘xg7! ♔xg7 And there are two options: 20.♘h5+ (20.e5 h6 21.♘h5+ ♔h7 22.♘f6+ ♕xf6!? A curious attempt to avoid draw. 23.♕xf6 ♘d7 24.h5! ♘xf6 25.hxg6+ ♔xg6 26.exf6= with an equal endgame.) 20...♔h8 21.♖xd6! ♕xg5+ 22.hxg5 ♖fd8 23.♖xc6 ♖bc8 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.♘f6 ♘f8 26.b3=

18...♘g4! Now White loses material.

19.♘xh7 ♔xh7 20.f5 g6 21.♘g3 gxf5 22.exf5 ♗d5 23.♕g5 ♖g8 24.♖d4 ♕e8 25.♔d2 ♕e3+ 0-1

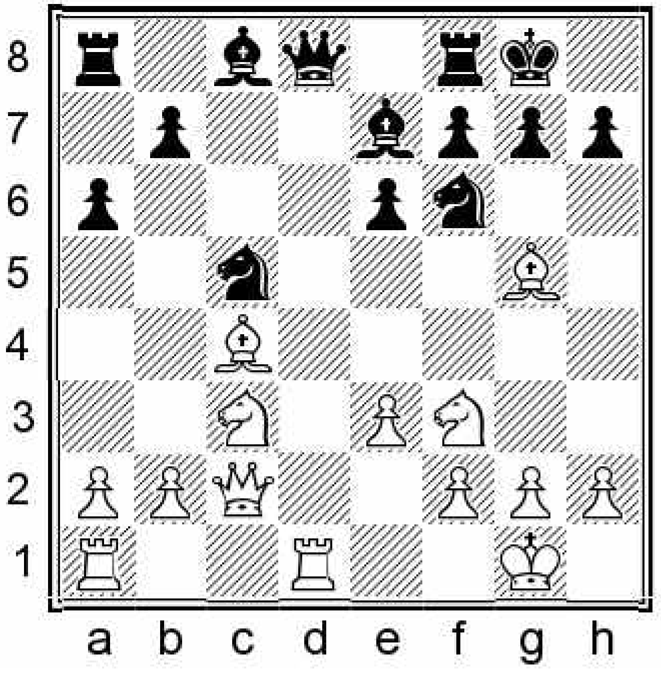
A classical South American clash in the 7th round. This game was a solid performance by the strong GM Leandro Krysa featuring a nice final touch reminiscent of Mihail Tal.

D60
Krysa, Leandro Sergio (2525) - Salinas Herrera, Pablo Patricio (2534)
San Salvador, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♗g5 ♘bd7 6.e3 ♗e7 7.♗d3 O-O 8.O-O dxc4 9.♗xc4 c5 Not the most common, but also playable.

9...♘d5; 9...b5

10.dxc5 ♘xc5 11.♕c2 a6 12.♖fd1



12...♘cd7?! Now Black is in trouble.

12...♕e8! 13.a4 b6 was the best option. 14.♘e5 (14.♗xf6 An interesting game followed this path: 14...♗xf6 15.b4 ♘d7= is equal. (15...♗xc3? and here White missed a winning move. 16.♘g5! (16.♕xc3 ♘xa4 and later Black won, Boruchovsky,Avital 2558 - Meleshko,Vladimir 2268, Pardubice (rapid) 2018) 16...f5 (16...g6 17.♕xc3 ♘xa4 18.♕f6+-) 17.♕xc3 ♘xa4 18.♕e5+-)) 14...♗b7= and Black's position is fine, Khenkin,Igor 2570 - Siegel,Georg 2490, Neuchatel 1997

13.♘d4

13.♗e2± This typical "Karpovian" move, anticipating b5, would be even better. 13...b5? Black can't play like this. (13...b6? 14.♘e5+-) 14.a4 b4 15.♘e4+-

13...♕a5

13...♕c7 14.♗e2 ♗d6 was a better try.

14.♗h4

14.♗f4 ♖e8 15.♘b3±

14...♘e5 15.♗e2 ♘g6

15...♗d7 16.♗g3±

16.♗g3 ♗d7 17.♗f3± The position is a nightmare for Black. Look at the difference between the two bishop pairs!

17...♖a7

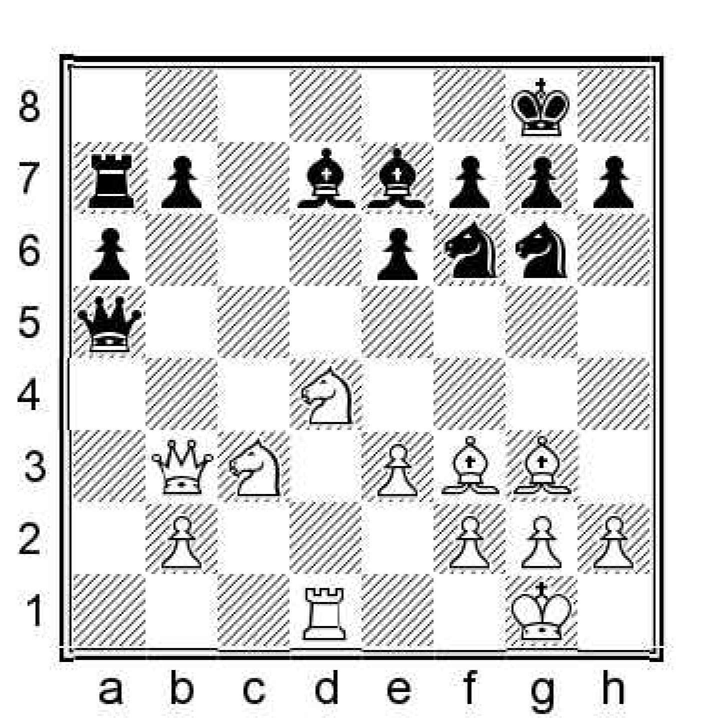
17...♕b6 18.♕b3±

18.♘b3 ♕b6 19.a4 ♖c8?!

19...e5 was best, freeing the e6-square for the queen. 20.a5 ♕e6

20.a5 ♕d8 21.♘d4 ♖c5 22.♕b3! ♖xa5 This loses immediately, but Black's position was hopeless.

23.♖xa5 ♕xa5



24.♗b8!+- Everybody love long moves! It's impossible not to be reminded of the famous ...Bb1 in Tal's game against Lev Aronson; Aronson,Lev Abramovich - Tal,Mihail, USSR (ch) 1957. Black loses material.

24...♖a8 25.♕xb7 ♖xb8 26.♕xb8+ ♗f8 27.♗c6 ♕h5 28.♗xd7 ♘xd7 29.♕c8 ♘c5 30.♘c6 ♕g5 31.f4 ♕h4 32.b4 ♘b3 33.g3 ♕h3 34.♘e7+ 1-0

This game was full of adventure and it was vital to Gareyev's tournament victory.

E51
Gareyev, Timur (2565) - Yoo, Christopher Woojin (2535)
San Salvador, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.a3 ♗e7

6...♗xc3+ is more common.

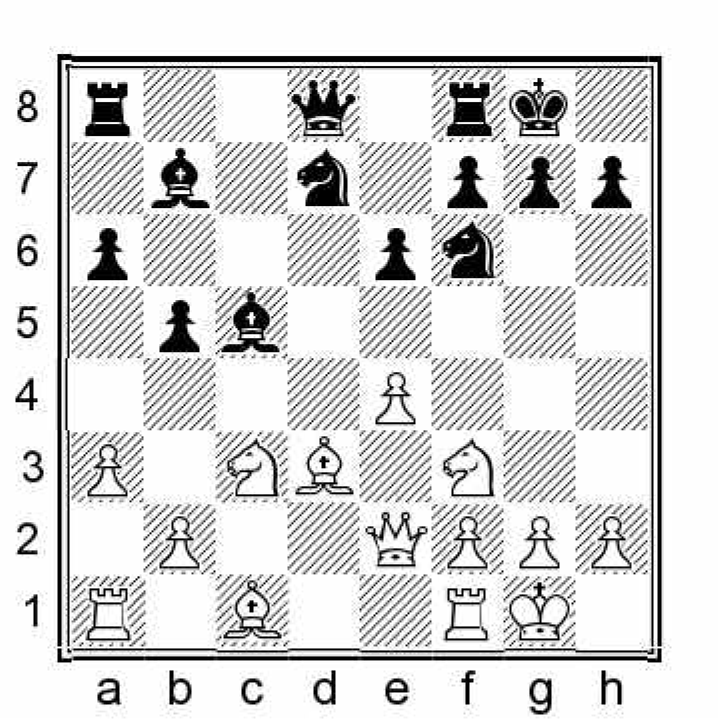
7.♘f3 dxc4

7...b6

8.♗xc4 c5 9.O-O a6 10.dxc5 ♗xc5 11.♕e2

11.b4 ♗e7

11...b5 12.♗d3 ♗b7 13.e4! ♘bd7



14.e5! The only way to fight for the initiative.

14...♗xf3 15.gxf3 ♘h5 16.♕e4 g6 17.♗e2?! This seems a little slow.

17.♗h6 f5!? (17...♖e8 18.♖ad1=) 18.exf6 ♕xf6=

17...♘g7 18.♗h6 ♖e8 19.♖ad1 ♘f5 Now Black is in control.

20.♗c1 ♕c7 21.f4 ♗b6?!

21...♗d4! would be very unpleasant to meet. The point is 22.♖xd4? loses to 22...♘c5-+

22.♗f3?!

22.♗g4!

22...♘c5 23.♕c6?!

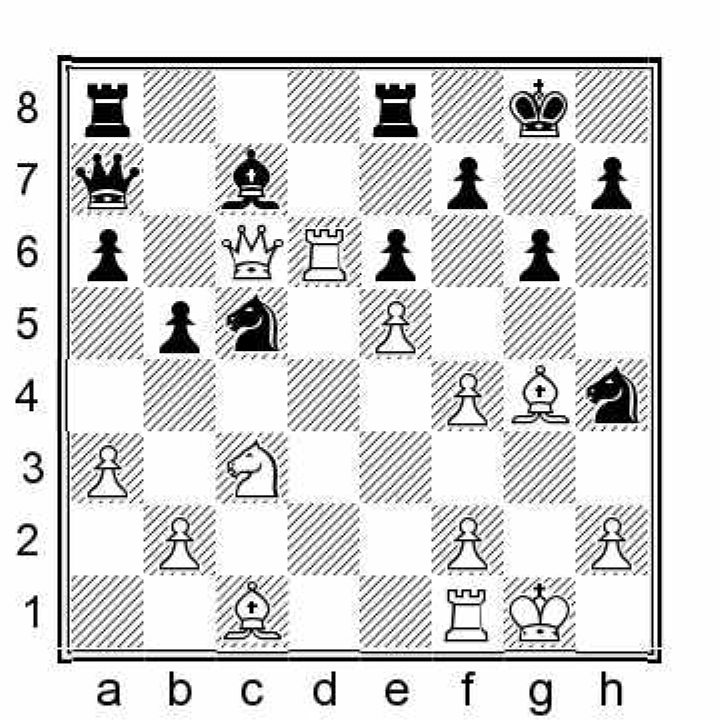
23.♕xa8? ♖xa8 24.♗xa8 ♘b3! and White's position is lost mainly due to the weakness of the f4-pawn. 25.♗e4 ♘xc1 26.♖xc1 ♕c4-+;

23.♕c2!

23...♕a7! 24.♗g4 ♘h4! Now Gareyev will do his best in order to avoid placing the queen on h1!

25.♖d6 ♗c7? This move allows an incredible resource.

25...♖ab8! was better. 26.♗e3 ♖ec8 27.♕h1 h5 28.♗e2 ♘a4-+ and Black is winning.



26.♖dd1?

26.♘d5!! This brilliant move saves White. 26...exd5 27.♖xd5 ♘e6 (27...♗b6 28.♗e3) 28.♗e3 ♕b8 29.♖c1! ♘f5 30.♗xf5 gxf5 31.♖d7 ♖d8 (31...♖c8 32.♖xf7! ♔xf7 33.♕d7+ ♔f8 34.♕xe6) 32.♖e7!=∞ and White has enough compensation for equality.

26...♖ac8?!

26...♗b6!

27.♘d5! The same move again!

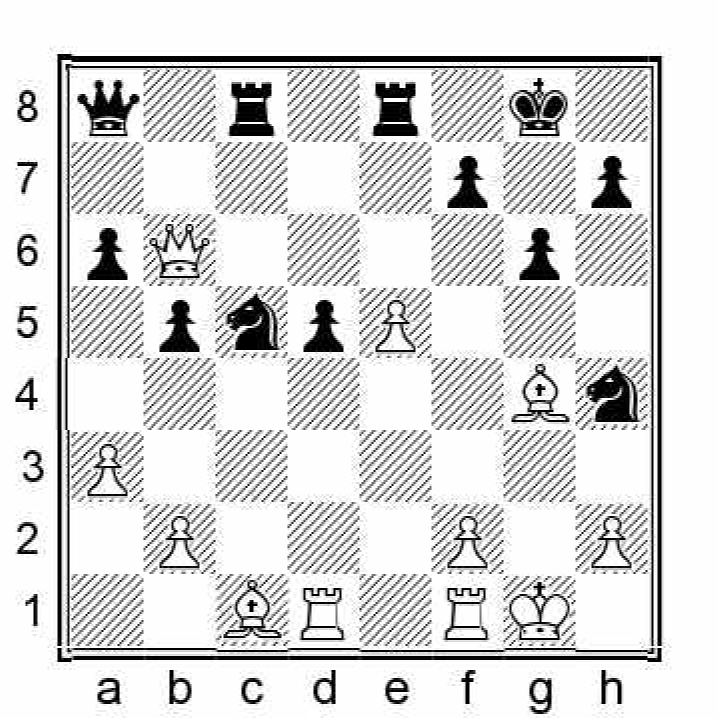
27...♗xe5

27...exd5 28.♗xc8 ♖xc8 29.♗e3 ♕b7 30.♕xb7 ♘xb7 31.♖xd5 looks dangerous for Black, although after 31...♖d8! a draw is the most likely result.

28.♕b6 ♕a8? A losing move.

28...♕xb6 was forced. 29.♘xb6 ♖c6 30.fxe5 ♖xb6 31.♗e3 ♖c6 32.♖c1 ♖ec8 33.♗g5 ♘f5 34.♗f3 ♖6c7 35.♖fd1 ♘d7 36.♗b7! ♖xc1 37.♗xc1 ♖c2 38.♗xa6 ♘xe5 39.♗xb5 ♘h4= with a probable draw.

29.fxe5 exd5



30.♕f6!+- Chistopher probably missed this devastating move. The game is over.

30...g5 31.♕xg5+ ♘g6 32.♗xc8 ♖xc8 33.♕g2 ♖d8 34.♗g5 ♖e8 35.♖xd5 ♘e6 36.♖fd1 ♔h8 37.♗f6+ ♔g8 38.♗g5 ♔h8 39.♕f3 ♔g8 40.♗h6 ♕c8 41.♕f6 ♕c4 42.♖d7 ♖f8 43.h3 a5 44.♔h2 ♕b3 45.♖1d6 1-0

Pablo Salinas Herrera is a strong and creative grandmaster from Chile. In this game he used good preparation against the Open Ruy Lopez. Given the popularity of this defence nowadays I suspect more players will try a similar approach.

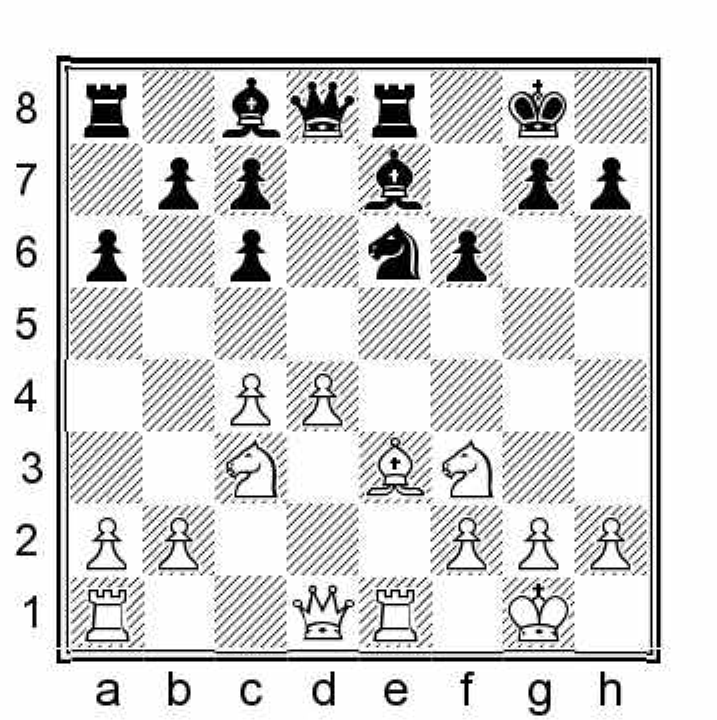
C80
Salinas Herrera, Pablo Patricio (2534) - Sarkar, Justin (2325)
San Salvador, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.♖e1 A break from the always evolving theory of the main move - 6.d4.

6...♘c5 7.♗xc6 dxc6 8.♘xe5 ♗e7 9.d4 ♘e6 10.♗e3 O-O 11.c4 ♖e8

11...f6 12.♘f3 f5 is another possibility.

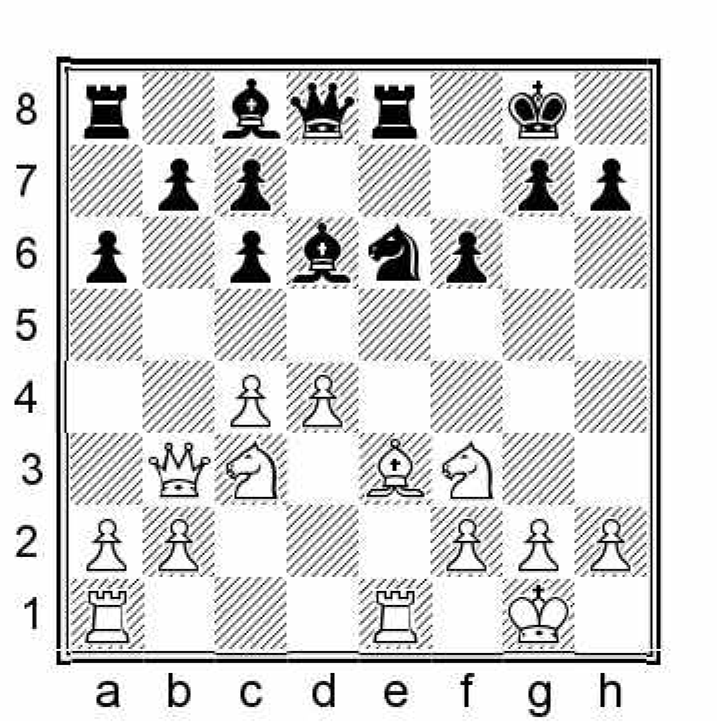
12.♘c3 f6 13.♘f3



13...♗d6?!

13...♘f8! is the right way. The path was shown in a recent game: 14.♕b3 ♗g4! 15.♕xb7 ♕d7 16.d5 ♗xf3! (16...♗d6 allowed white some advantage after 17.♘d2! cxd5 18.♕xd5+ ♗e6 19.♕a5± Tomczak,Jacek 2584 - Kollars,Dmitrij 2635, Deutschland 2022) 17.gxf3 ♗d6! and now White should be careful. 18.♘e4 (18.c5? ♗e5) 18...♗e5! (18...♖xe4? 19.fxe4 ♕h3 20.e5! (20.f4 ♕g4+ 21.♔f2 ♖e8! =∞) 20...♗xe5 21.f4 ♕g4+ 22.♔f2+-) 19.♕xc6 ♕h3 20.♘g3 (20.f4 ♘g6!) 20...♘g6 21.d6 ♘h4 22.f4 ♗xd6= with a good position for Black.

14.♕b3



14...c5?!

14...♕d7! This difficult move was the best. The queen heads to f7.

15.dxc5 ♘xc5 16.♗xc5! ♖xe1+ 17.♖xe1 ♗xc5 18.♘e4 The pair of knights finally gets their revenge against the pair of bishops.

18...♗e7 19.c5+ ♔f8 White is clearly better with all the pieces developed and attacking chances.

20.h3

20.♕e3 a5! Black's plan is to develop the rook with Ra6

20.♘g3!?↑ a5 (20...♗xc5? 21.♕c2+-)

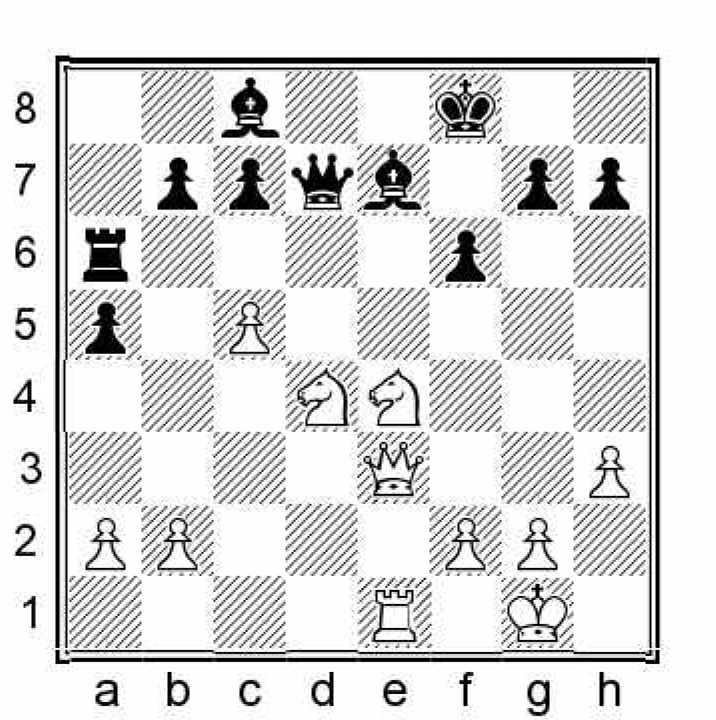
20...♕d7?

20...a5! again this was the best chance.

21.♕e3

21.♘g3!? a5 22.♕c4 ♖a6 23.♘d4+-

21...a5 22.♘d4 ♖a6



23.g4! A great move, allowing the knight to jump to f5.

23...h5

23...♕d8 was better.

24.c6!? A subtle move, cutting off the rook from the game.

24.gxh5 ♕xh3 25.♘g3+-

24...bxc6 25.♘f5 hxg4 26.hxg4

26.♘c5! ♗xc5 27.♕xc5+ ♔g8 28.♘e7++-

26...♕e6

26...♕d8 27.♘h4+-

27.♕h3 ♗b4 28.♖d1 ♔g8

28...♕xe4 29.♖d8+ ♔f7 30.♕h5++-

29.♖d8+ ♗f8 30.♕a3! c5 31.♕xc5 ♖d6 32.♘exd6 cxd6 33.♕xc8 ♕e1+ 34.♔g2 ♕e4+ 35.♔g3 A very good game! **1-0**

One more entertaining game by the veteran GM Kaidanov.

E25
Kaidanov, Gregory S (2556) - Swiercz, Dariusz (2665)
San Salvador, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.a3 This system currently enjoys a new wave of popularity. If you play this with the white pieces be ready to sacrifice the c4-pawn and a few pieces.

4...♗xc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.f3 Now we have a transposition to the 4.f3 system.

6.e3

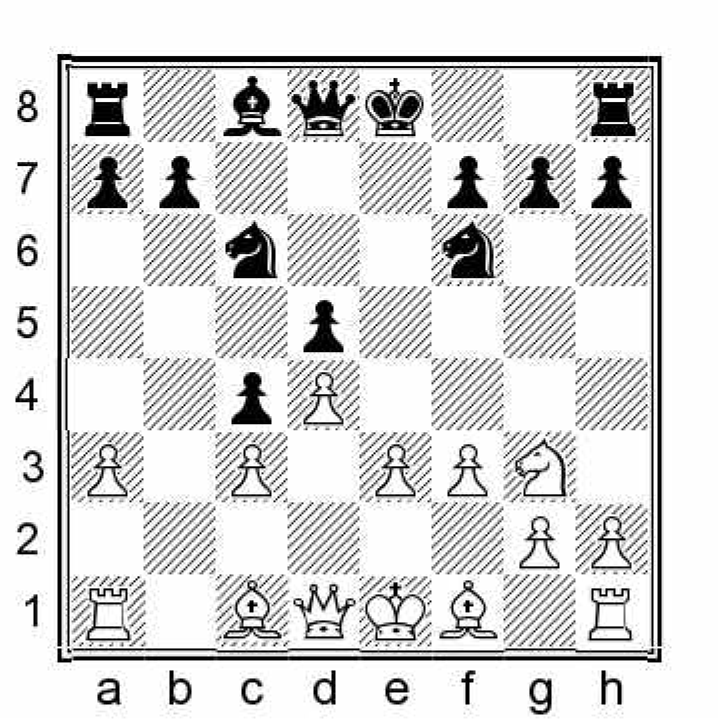
6...d5 7.cxd5 exd5

7...♘xd5 has a better reputation.

8.e3 c4!? A deep, ambitious, complex and outrageous move that has been played famously by Magnus Carlsen, among others. The point is to avoid the development of White's bishop but its drawbacks are clear too. Whether you like it or not is a matter of taste.

9.♘e2 ♘c6 10.♘g3?! Innacurate.

10.g4! O-O 11.♗g2 is better, just like in the famous Anand,Viswanathan 2775 vs Carlsen,Magnus 2870, Chennai (m/9) 2013 - 119/174



10...h5! This is the problem. Swiercz immediately exploits the problems of the g3-knight.

11.h4 ♕c7

11...O-O! was more precise. 12.♗e2 ♕c7! 13.♔f2 ♘a5 and Black is better.

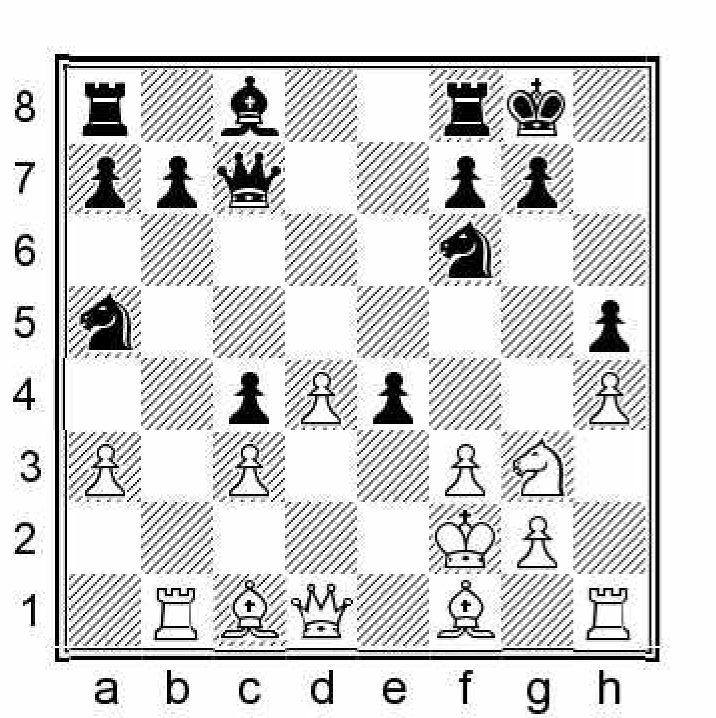
12.♔f2 ♘a5

12...O-O 13.e4! dxe4 14.♘xe4=

13.♖b1 O-O?! Now this is a mistake but it's really hard to show why. Hats off to Kaidanov and his next moves.

13...♘b3; 13...♗d7

14.e4! dxe4



15.♖b5!! A brilliant move. Suddenly, the rook joins the attack and Black's king is in danger.

15.♘xe4 ♘d5⩲ (15...♘xe4+ 16.fxe4 ♘b3)

15...♘b3

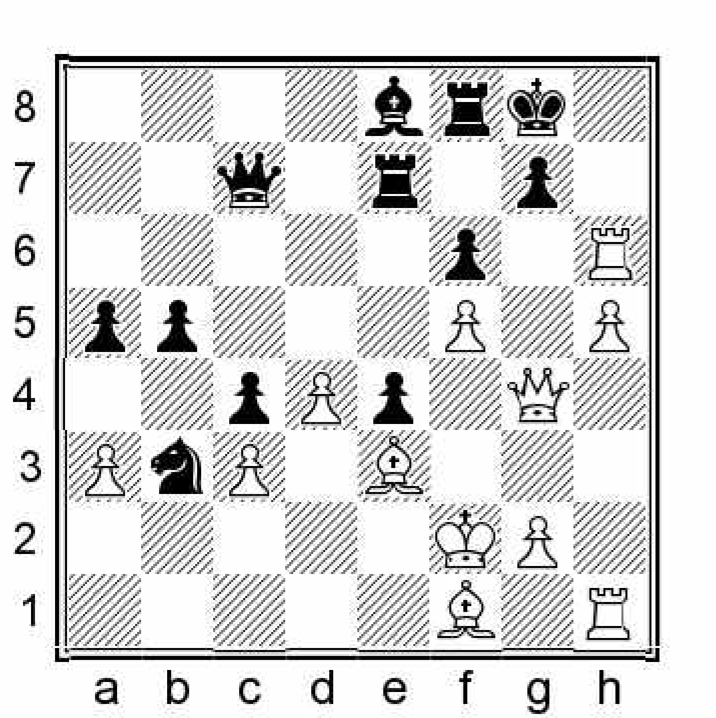
15...exf3? 16.gxf3+- and soon the other rook will join in via the g-file.

15...♗d7! was the best move. 16.♖c5 ♕b6 17.♘xh5 ♘b3 18.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 19.♗g5 e3+! 20.♔g3! and White's initiative continues.

16.♘xh5 ♘xh5 17.♖xh5 ♗d7?! After this White keeps the bishop pair and the position is easier to play.

17...♘xc1 18.♕xc1 ♖e8 19.♕e3!±

18.♗e3! ♖ae8 19.f4! f6 20.f5+- ♖e7 21.♕g4 ♗e8 22.♖h6! b5 23.h5 a5



24.♖g6! What a hero performance by the a1-rook!

24...b4 25.axb4 axb4 26.h6! ♗xg6 27.hxg7 ♖ff7 28.♖h8+ ♔xg7 29.♕h4 A wonderful game! **1-0**

This game had interesting moments in all phases: a new opening plan, a fighting middlegame and an endgame tragedy.

B85
Morovic Fernandez, Ivan (2495) - Pichot, Alan (2652)
San Salvador, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 e6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e2 ♘f6 7.a3 ♗e7 8.♗e3 O-O 9.O-O d6 10.♔h1 a6 11.f4 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.♕e1 ♗b7 14.♕g3 An important tabyia in the Scheveningen without a4. Pichot is very well prepared and played an almost new plan in such well known position.

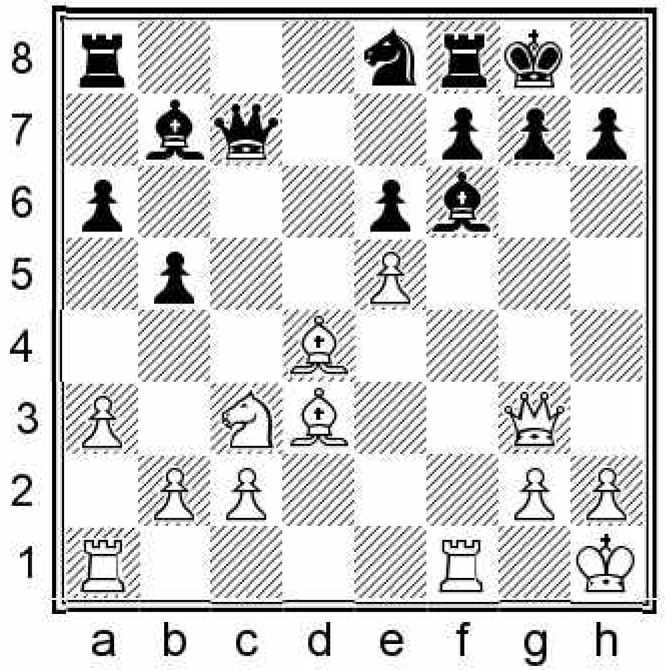
14...♘e8!? The point of this "ugly" move is to play ...Bf6 sooner or later. After that either the bishops are exchanged, bringing some relief to Black's king, or White plays e5 changing the pawn structure and giving both players additional possibilities.

15.♗d3 This is not the most precise move as Black can proceed with his plan without problems.

15.♖ad1! is the best. 15...♖d8 (15...♗f6 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 ♗e7 18.♕e3± (18.♗d3?! f5! It's important to avoid this move.; 18.♕f2±)) 16.♕e3 ♕b8 17.♗f3 (17.♗d3 is also possible.) 17...♘f6 is better. Time for the knight to come back. (17...e5? 18.♗b6 ♘c7 19.fxe5! (19.♗h5∞ Swiercz,Dariusz 2585 - Negi,Parimarjan 2631, Bad Wiessee 2011) 19...dxe5 20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.exd5± and White has a big advantage.)

15...♗f6 16.♗xf6

16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5



17...♖d8! This is the point. 18.♗b6! ♕xb6 19.exf6 ♔h8 20.♕g5 ♘xf6 21.♖xf6 ♖xd3! (21...gxf6 22.♕h6! (22.♕xf6+=) 22...f5 23.♗xf5! ♗xg2+! 24.♔xg2 ♖g8+ 25.♔f3 ♖g7 26.♗d3± with a complicated position, but the computer prefers White.) 22.cxd3 gxf6 23.♕xf6+ ♔g8=

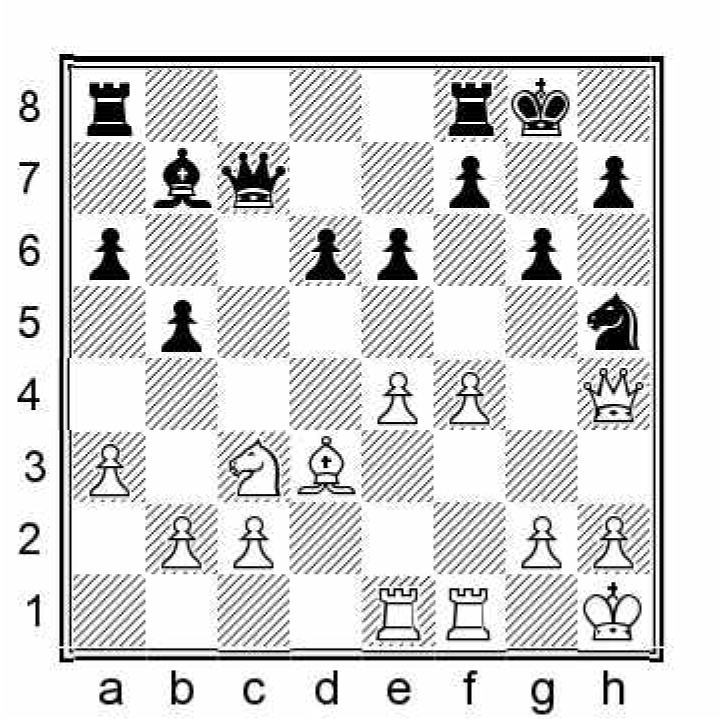
16...♘xf6 Now Black is fine.

17.♖ae1 ♘h5?! A knight on the rim is dim. Did I mention this before?

17...d5 18.e5 (18.exd5 ♘xd5=) 18...♘e4 19.♗xe4 dxe4 20.♖f2 Black will lose the e4-pawn but should get enough compensation.

17...♘d7! 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 ♘c5= with an equal position.

18.♕h4 g6



19.g4?!

19.f5! is very unpleasant for Black. Play might continue: 19...exf5 20.exf5 ♖ae8 21.♗e2! ♕d8 22.♕xd8 ♖xd8 23.♗xh5 gxh5 24.♖e7± with a big advantage.

19...♘g7 20.f5

20.♖f3 f5! and Black is just in time. 21.♖h3 ♘e8= 22.gxf5 exf5 23.♔g1 fxe4 24.♘xe4 ♗xe4 25.♗xe4 ♖a7 although it still seems dangerous for Black after 26.f5!

20...exf5 21.gxf5 ♖fe8?!

21...♕c5! 22.f6 ♘h5 Black is ok.

22.♘d5?!

22.♖e3! is very strong. 22...♘h5 23.♗e2 ♕d8 24.♕f2± (24.♕xd8 ♖axd8 25.♗xh5 gxh5±)

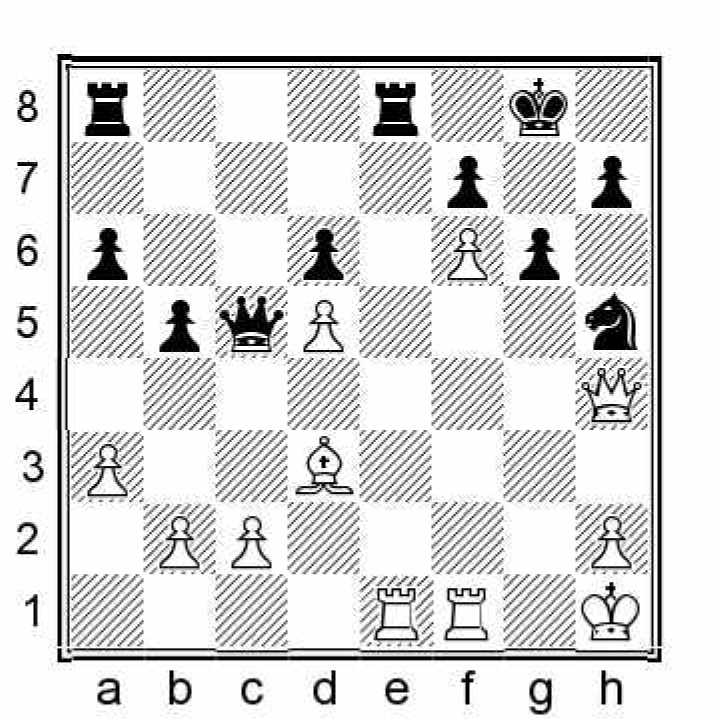
22...♗xd5 23.exd5 ♕c5!↑ Now Black has the initiative.

24.f6?

24.♕b4! This strange move was the best option for White.

24...♘h5?

24...♖xe1! It was important to trade rooks first. 25.♖xe1 ♘h5∓ and Black has a big advantage. The difference is that after 26.b4? ♕c3-+ Black wins.



25.b4! ♕c3

25...♕xd5+? 26.♗e4 ♕d4 27.♗xa8+-

26.♖e6! fxe6 27.f7+ ♔h8 28.fxe8=♕+ ♖xe8 29.dxe6 ♕e5 30.♖e1

30.♕e4=

30...♕d5+ 31.♔g1 ♔g7 32.e7 ♘f6 33.♕f4 ♘d7 34.♕e3?

34.h4 ♘e5 35.♖f1 ♘d7=

34...♘e5 Now Black is winning.

35.♗e4 ♕e6 36.♗g2 ♖xe7 37.♖d1 ♕f6 38.♕g3 ♘c4-+ The natural result is a win for Black, but some adventures happened, certainly during time trouble.

39.♖f1 ♕d4+ 40.♔h1 ♘e3 41.♕f2 ♘f5 42.♕f3 ♕e3 43.♖d1 h5 44.♖a1 ♕d2 45.♗h3 ♘d4 46.♕d3 ♕xd3 47.cxd3 ♖e2 48.♗g2 ♘c2 49.♖g1 ♔f6 50.♗b7 ♘d4 51.♖f1+ ♔e5 52.♖g1 d5 53.♖g5+ ♔f6 54.♖g2 ♖xg2?

54...♖e5-+

55.♔xg2 ♘c2 56.♗xa6 ♘xa3 57.d4?

57.♔g3!

57...♔f5 58.♔f3 ♘c2 59.♔e2 ♔e4 60.h4 ♘xd4+ 61.♔d2 ♘f3+ 62.♔e2 ♔f4 63.♔d3 ♘xh4 64.♗xb5 ♘f3 65.♗e8 h4 66.b5 h3 67.b6 ♘e5+ 68.♔d4 h2 69.b7 h1=♕ 70.b8=♕ ♕e4+ 71.♔c5 ♕c4+ 72.♔d6 d4 73.♕d8 Many moves win here but Alan decided to use a tactical trick to exchange queens and promote the pawns. Alas, he missed something...

73...♕c6+?? 74.♗xc6 ♘f7+ 75.♔d5 ♘xd8 76.♗e8! Now it's a draw.

76...g5 77.♔xd4 g4 78.♔d3 ♘e6 79.♔e2 ♔g3 80.♗d7 ♘c5 81.♗xg4 ♔xg4 82.♔e3 1/2-1/2

I will finish this article with 2 games by the Brazilian FM Armen Proudian, who made an IM norm and almost qualified to the World Cup. Armen - as you surely noted - has Armenian roots, is very talented and plays for at the IM level for some years now. He took a break from work to play the Continental and certainly did not regret this decision.

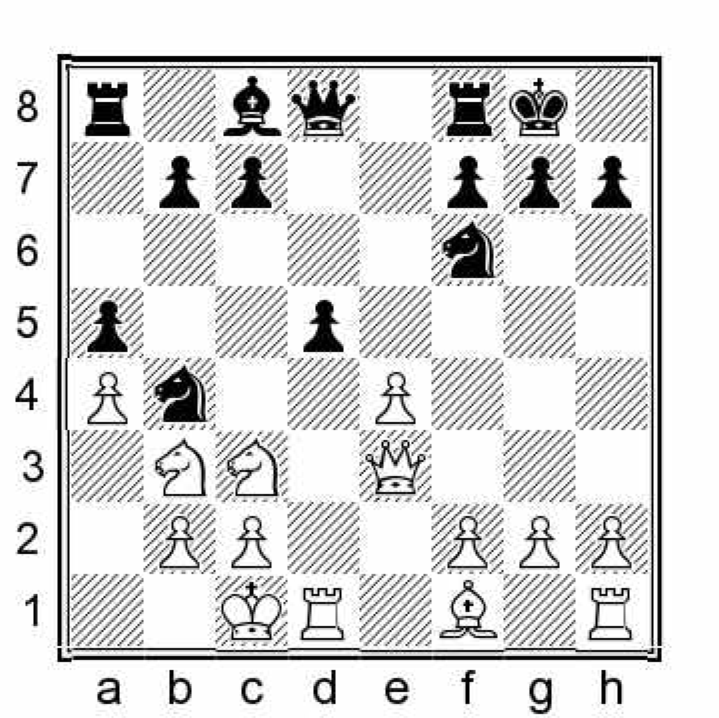
C45
Yoo, Christopher Woojin (2535) - Proudian, Armen (2418)
San Salvador, 2022

1.e4 e5 Armen has a solid and classic repertoire, exactly what you should have when you don't have much time to study openings.

2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♗c5 5.♘b3 ♗b6 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.♕e2 a5!? 8.a4 O-O 9.♗e3

9.♗g5 is also critical.

9...♗xe3 10.♕xe3 ♘b4 11.O-O-O d5!



This is an important position. I think white should look for an improvement here as the game continuation leads to an equal endgame.

12.exd5

12.♗e2!? New move. Should be analyzed.

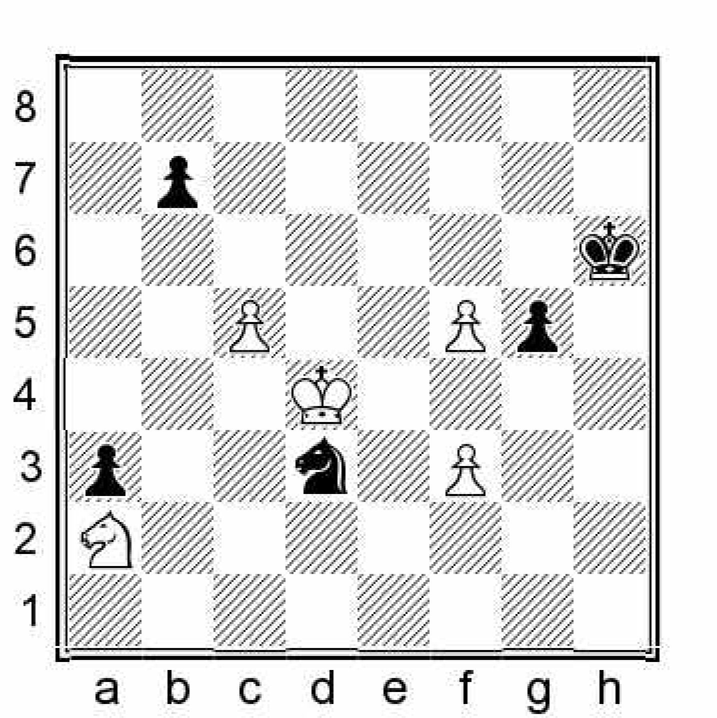
12...♗f5 13.♘d4 ♘bxd5 14.♘xf5 ♘xe3 15.♖xd8 ♘xf5 16.♖xa8 ♖xa8 17.♗d3 ♘d6 This endgame is not dangerous for Black. Now both players will play very well and equality will remain on the board for a long time.

18.♖e1 ♖e8

18...♔f8= Kopylov,Daniel 2244 - Engel,Luis 2421, Deutschland (ch-U16) 2018

19.♖xe8+ ♘dxe8 20.♔d2 ♔f8 21.f3 ♔e7 22.♔e3 c6 23.h4 ♘c7 24.♗c4 ♘e6 25.g4 h6 26.♘e2 g6 27.♘g3 ♘d5+ 28.♗xd5 cxd5 29.b3 ♔d6 30.♘e2 g5 31.h5 ♔e5 32.♘g3 ♘d4 33.c3 ♘xb3 34.♘f5 ♘c5 35.♘xh6 ♔f6 36.♘g8+ ♔g7 37.♘e7 ♘xa4 38.♘xd5 ♘b2 39.♔d4 a4 40.c4 a3 41.♘b4 ♘d1 42.c5 ♔h6 43.♔d3 f5 44.gxf5 ♔xh5 45.♔d4 ♘b2 46.♔d5 ♘d3 47.♘a2 ♔h6 48.♔d4?

48.♔d6 ♔g7 49.♔e7 ♘xc5 (49...♘f4 50.f6+ ♔h7 51.f7 ♘g6+ 52.♔e8 ♔g7=) 50.f6+ ♔g6 51.f7 ♘d7 52.♔xd7 ♔xf7 53.♔d6 ♔f6 54.♔c5 ♔e5 55.♔b4 ♔f4 56.♔xa3 ♔xf3 57.♘b4 g4 58.♘d3=



48...♘e1!-+ Suddenly Black is winning.

49.♔e4 ♔g7 50.♘b4 ♔f7 51.♘a2 ♔f6 52.♘c3 ♘xf3? A blunder.

Black had a win with 52...♘g2 53.♘d5+ (53.♘a2 ♘h4-+) 53...♔f7 54.♘c3 ♘h4 and now White is in zugzwang - a pawn will fall. 55.♘a2 ♔f6-+

53.♔xf3 ♔xf5 54.♘a2 ♔e5 55.♘b4 ♔d4 56.♘c2+ ♔xc5 57.♘xa3 b5 58.♘xb5 1/2-1/2

B62
Proudian, Armen (2418) - Krysa, Leandro Sergio (2525)
San Salvador, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♗b5!? A dangerous move that is popular nowadays.

7...♗d7 8.♕d3 ♗e7

8...h6 9.♗h4 g5!? 10.♗xc6! bxc6 11.♗g3 ♘h5 12.O-O-O leads to a fresh position with chances for both sides.

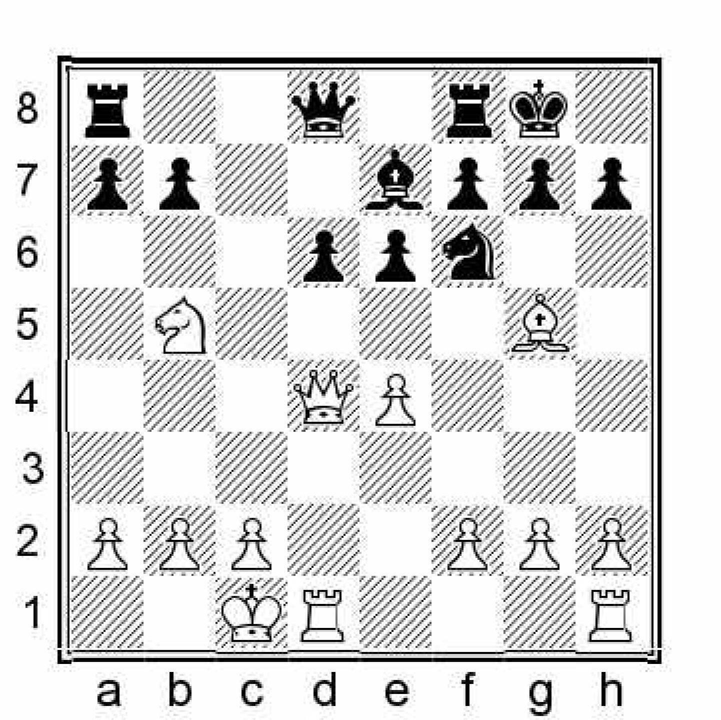
9.O-O-O ♘xd4!? A rare move, recommended by Shankland in his Sicilian course.

9...O-O 10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.♘b3! and Black has not yet solved his opening problems here.

10.♕xd4

10.♗xd7+ is probably better. Black will have to fight for equality in the endgame after 10...♘xd7 (10...♕xd7 11.♕xd4±) 11.♗xe7 ♔xe7! 12.♕xd4 ♕b6

10...♗xb5 11.♘xb5 O-O



12.♔b1!N

12.h4?! ♕a5⇄ Popovic,Dusan 2468 - Dardha, Daniel 2532, Roquetas de Mar 2022

12...♕a5!N 13.♕d3 ♖fd8?! This natural move is a mistake.

13...a6 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♘xd6 ♕b6 16.e5 (16.♘c4 ♕xf2) 16...♗xe5 17.♘c4 ♕c7 18.♘xe5 ♕xe5=;

13...h6 This is the move Shankland suggests. 14.♗h4 (14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♘xd6 ♕b6=) 14...g5! 15.♗g3 ♘xe4 16.♕xe4 ♕xb5 17.♗xd6 ♗xd6 18.♖xd6 ♖fd8=

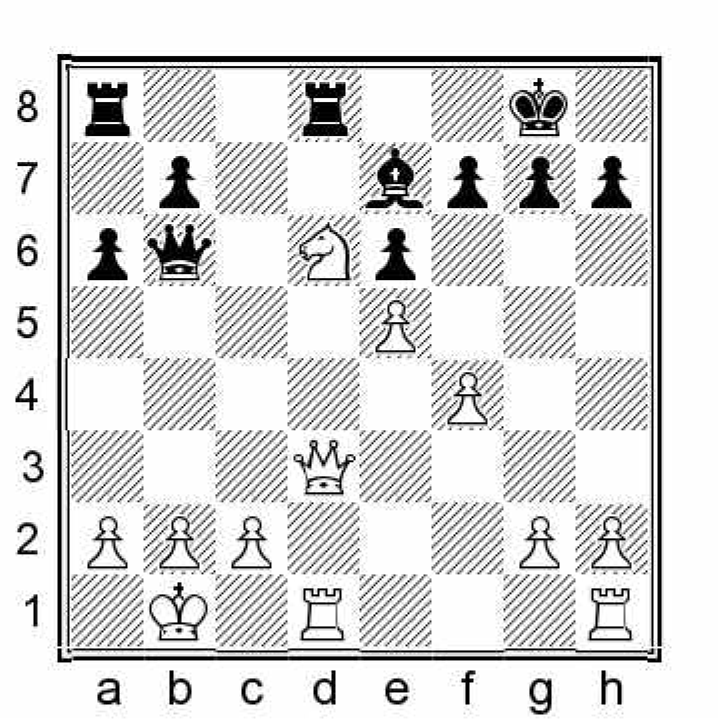
14.f4 a6? And this is losing.

14...♕b6±

15.♗xf6 ♗xf6

15...gxf6 16.♘d4+-

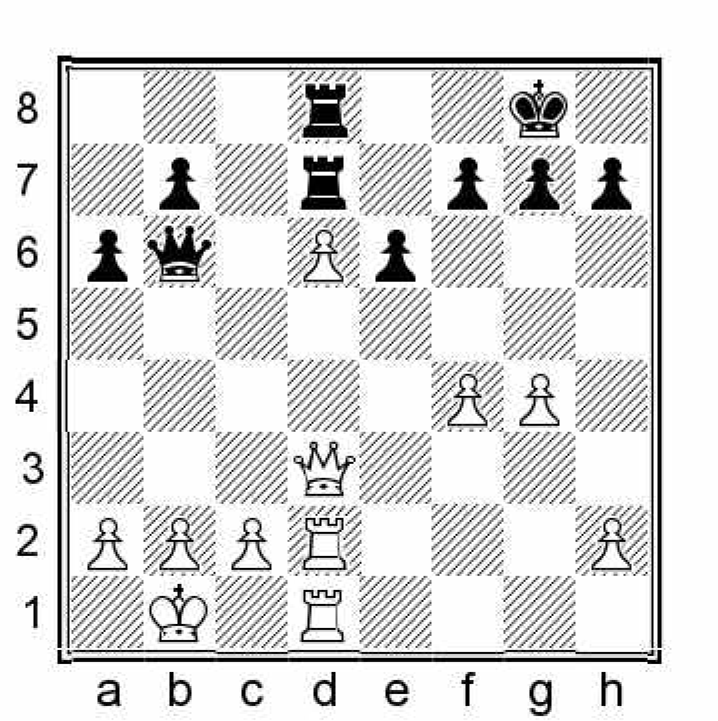
16.♘xd6+- ♕b6 17.e5 ♗e7



18.g4? Now Black gets back in the game.

18.f5! is the simplest. 18...exf5 19.♕d5 ♗xd6 20.exd6+-

18...♗xd6 19.exd6 ♖d7 20.♖d2 ♖ad8 21.♖hd1



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21...h5!! This fantastic and forced move allows Black to fight again. It creates space for the black king and attacks the g4-pawn at the same time.

22.f5

22.gxh5 ♖xd6 23.♕xd6 ♖xd6 24.♖xd6 ♕f2=;

22.♕a3 hxg4=;

22.♕d4 ♕xd4 23.♖xd4 hxg4 24.c4±

22...exf5 23.gxf5 ♖xd6 24.♕xd6 ♖xd6 25.♖xd6 ♕f2 A very complex endgame arose.

26.♖d8+ ♔h7 27.♖8d7 ♕xf5 28.♖xb7 ♕f2?!

28...h4!

29.b3?!

29.♖bd7! was better. But, we need a computer to discover that.

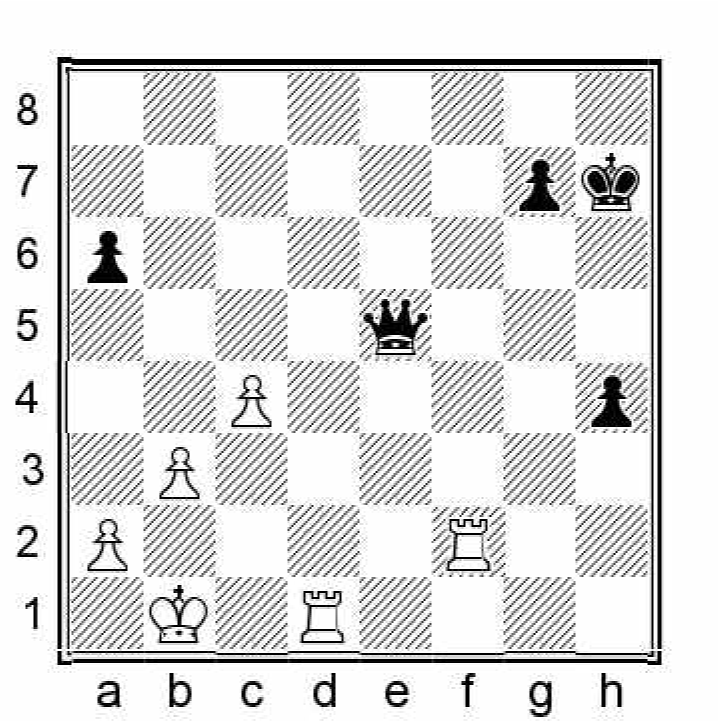
29...♕xh2

29...h4

30.♖xf7 h4 31.c4 ♕e5

31...♕g2=

32.♖f2



32...♔h6? There was no time for this move.

32...g5! 33.♖c2 ♕c5! (33...g4? 34.c5+-) 34.♖d5 ♕g1+ 35.♔b2 h3 36.♖dd2 ♕c5! (36...g4? 37.c5 g3 38.c6 h2 39.c7 h1=♕ 40.c8=♕ ♕b1+ 41.♔a3+-) 37.♖d5= with a draw.

33.♖c2!+- ♕c5 34.♖d5 ♕g1+

34...♕c6! was the best chance.

35.♔b2 h3 36.♖d3! ♕f1 37.♖dc3 g5 38.c5 Did a passed pawn ever have such support?

38...g4 39.c6 ♕f5 40.c7 ♕c8 41.♖d2 Black resigned. **1-0**

I wish to congratulate the 4 players that qualified to the World Cup, especially the winner, Timur Gareyev.

GRAND PRIX BEOGRAD

By IM Goran Arsović

RAPPORT WINS BEOGRAD GRAND PRIX

Goran Arsović

- **Country:** Serbia
- **Born:** 1967
- **Rating:** 2385
- **Peak rating:** 2504
- **Title:** International Master since 1994

A win with white in the second game of the final gave Richard Rapport tournament victory at the second leg of the FIDE Grand Prix in Beograd. Rapport beat Dmitry Andreikin after rejecting a draw by triple repetition in a double-edged position. This victory, combined with his reaching the semifinals in the first leg of the series in Berlin, places him as a clear favourite to get a spot in the Candidates Tournament. Rapport's qualification to the Candidates cannot be fully ascribed to luck by any stretch of the imagination, though. The Hungarian star did not shy away from employing his usual creative playing style in the first two legs of the series, and has demonstrated that he is particularly well-versed in dealing with imbalanced, sharp positions.

The 25-year-old was happy to have scored his greatest success to date in the city where he lives with his wife, Serbian WGM Jovana Rapport. The ever modest Rapport credited his wife for this exceptional result: "Usually for me trips are connected to events and results, so of course you have favourite places, but usually they connect to when you play well... so for me Beograd will actually not be influenced by this event, as funny as it is, even though this is probably the biggest success of my career to date. It will still be influenced by my love, my marriage, my life, really, so I'm just happy that this overall beautiful picture wasn't ruined by chess. She's my only support, actually. I have to thank her for everything, for putting up with me. I'm very difficult on normal days, but during tournaments I think it goes to 100 x the volume."

Dmitry Andreikin who finished 2nd, as well as Anish Giri and Maxime Vachier Lagrave retain some chances to qualify to the Candidates Tournament. However, after the second leg, Richard Rapport and Hikaru Nakamura are clear favourites.

Now we will present you some of the most interesting games and moments from the Tournament according to selection of our Editorial Board.

Pool B

				1		2		3		4		
1	ANISH GIRI	g	2771	■	■	1	½	1	½	½	½	4
2	VITIUGOV	g	2726	½	0	■	■	½	½	½	1	3
3	MOHA. TABATABAEI	g	2623	½	0	½	½	■	■	½	1	3
4	P. HARIKRISHNA	g	2716	½	½	0	½	0	½	■	■	2

Giri dominated his group at the Grand Prix Belgrade, winning two white Italian Games, the one against Tabatabaei being especially good.

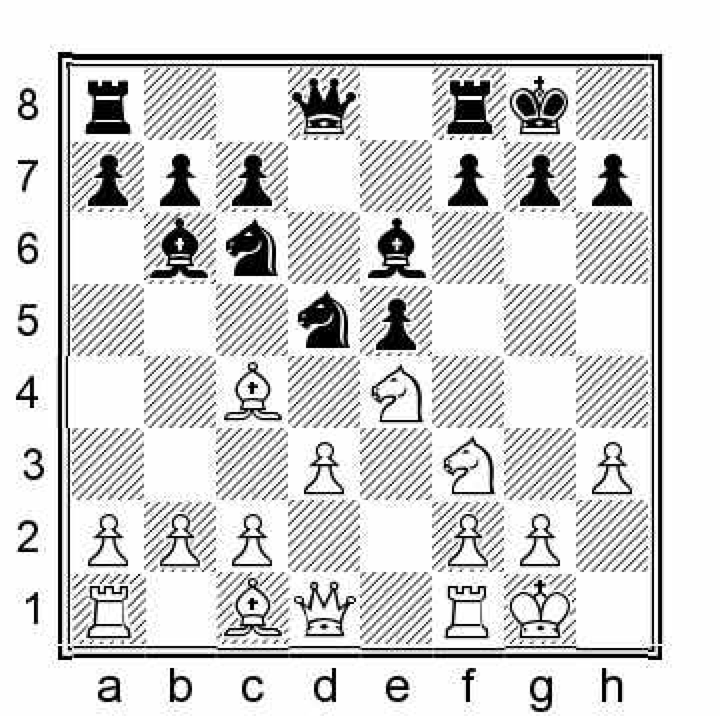
C54
Giri, Anish (2772) - Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2623)
Beograd, 2022

Richárd Rapport, Beograd 2022; Photo by Mark Livshitz, World Chess

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.O-O O-O 6.h3 d5 7.exd5 ♘xd5 8.♘bd2

8.♖e1 Aronian,Levon 2782 - Nakamura,Hikaru 2736, chess24.com (Internet-m/1-rapid) - 150/108

8...♗e6 9.♘e4 ♗b6



10.b4!N A novelty! White sacrifices a pawn in order to gain the initiative as quickly as possible. The ensuing position is extremely sharp and double-edged.

A similar idea is 10.a4 f6 11.b4! a6 12.a5 ♗a7 13.♗d2 ♔h8 14.♖e1 ♗g8! (Inferior is 14...♘ce7?!

15.♘c5 ♗xc5 16.bxc5 ♗f7 17.♖b1± with White's initiative, as in Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2773 - Abdusattorov,Nodirbek 2651, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2022) 15.c3 ♕d7∞ with an unclear position.

Previously, White tried 10.♘fg5 ♗f5 11.c3 h6 (11...♗g6 12.♕f3 ♘ce7∞ seems to be a bith stronger than the game move. (12...♘f6!? 13.♘xf6+ ♕xf6∞ Philippe,Christophe 2411 - Robin,Samy 2231, France 2005)) 12.♘g3 ♗g6 13.♘f3 ♔h8∞ with a very sharp, double-edged play.

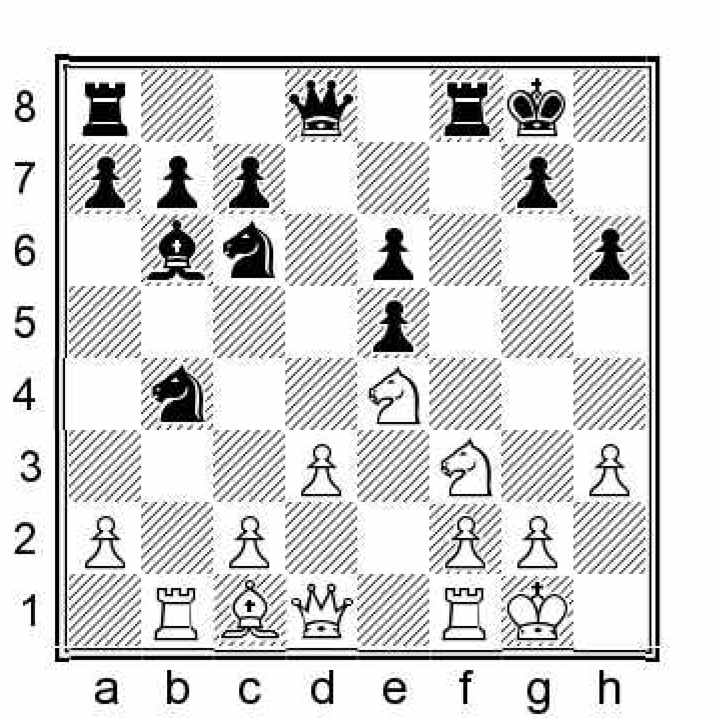
10...♘dxb4

10...a6 11.♘eg5 ♗c8 (11...♗f5?! 12.♘h4 ♗c8 13.♕f3 ♘f6 14.c3 h6 15.♘e4±) 12.♖e1 f6 13.♘e4 ♔h8 14.c3 ♗e6 15.♗d2±;

10...♘cxb4 11.♘fg5 ♕d7 12.♘xe6 fxe6 13.♖b1=∞

11.♗xe6 fxe6 12.♖b1=∞ h6

Better is ⌓12...♘d5 13.c4 ♘f6 14.♕e2=∞ and White would have some compensation for the pawn, while Black retains decent chances of his own.



13.♘xe5! ♘xe5 14.♖xb4 a5 15.♖b1 ♕h4 16.♕e2 ♖ad8 17.♔h2 ♕e7 18.f4 ♘d7 19.♖f3± White has a clearly better position thanks to his active knight and pressure along the b- and e-files.

19...♘f6 20.♗d2

Giri overlooks a more dangerous 20.c4! ♘xe4 21.♕xe4 ♕d6 22.a4±

20...♕a3 21.♘c3

Or 21.♗c3 ♘xe4 22.dxe4 ♕a4 23.♖g3 ♖f7 24.♗e5 ♖dd7 25.♖g6±

21...♖de8 22.♕e5 ♘d7?!

Black can put a better resistance after 22...♖f7 23.♕b5 ♖d8 24.♕c4 ♕d6 25.♘a4±

23.♕b5 ♕e7 24.♕c4 ♔h8 25.♘e4 c6 26.d4 White has an overwhelming position, controlling the centre and neutralising the black bishop.

26...♖b8 27.♖fb3 The pressure on the b-file should prove to be of crucial importance.

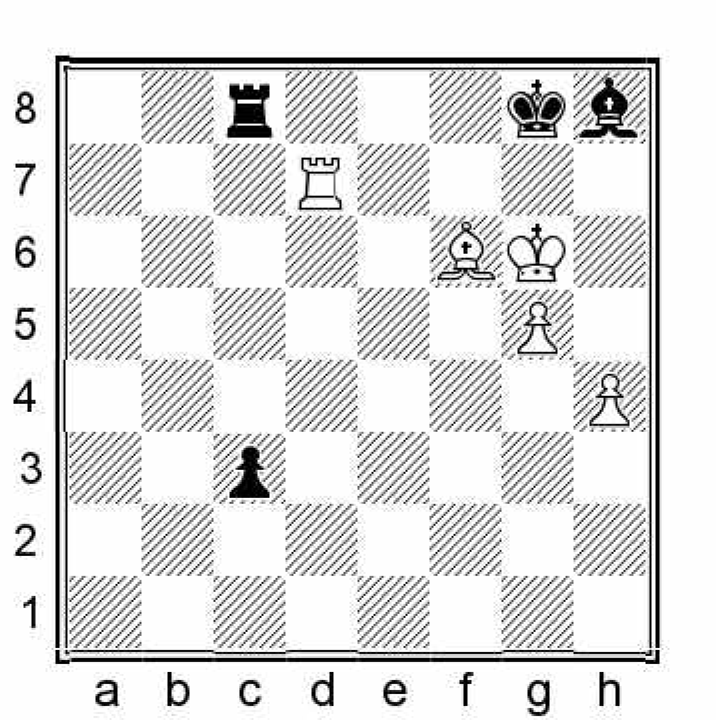
27...♕d8 28.♕xe6 ♗xd4 29.♖xb7 ♖xb7 30.♖xb7 Giri capitalises on his edge and reaches a winning position.

30...♘c5 31.♘xc5 ♗xc5 32.♖d7 ♕f6 33.♕xf6 ♖xf6 34.♗c3

34.♔g3 ♗d6 35.a4+-

34...♖xf4 35.♗xg7+ ♔g8 36.♗xh6+- White has a winning ending.

36...♖a4 37.g4 ♖xa2 38.g5 ♖xc2+ 39.♔g3 ♗e3 40.♖d8+ ♔h7 41.♔g4 ♖d2 42.♖e8 ♗c5 43.♔h5 ♖d5 44.♖a8 ♗d4 45.h4 ♗c3 46.♗f8 ♗d4 47.♖c8 a4 48.♖a8 c5 49.♖xa4 ♖d8 50.♖a7+ ♔g8 51.♗e7 ♖c8 52.♔g6 c4 53.♖d7 ♗h8 54.♗f6 c3



55.♖h7! The only winning move!

55...♗xf6 56.gxf6 ♖c6 57.♖d7 ♖c8 58.♖g7+ Giri won the game and clinched the top position in his group.

58.♖g7+ ♔f8 59.♖h7 ♔e8 (59...♔g8 60.f7+ ♔f8 61.♖h8++-) 60.♖h8+ ♔d7 61.♖xc8 ♔xc8 62.f7+-

1-0

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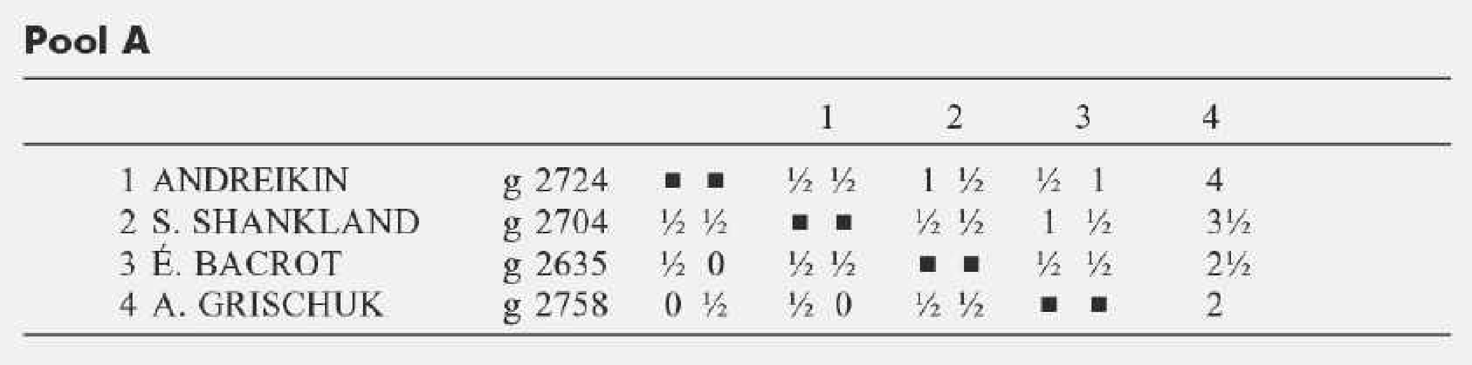
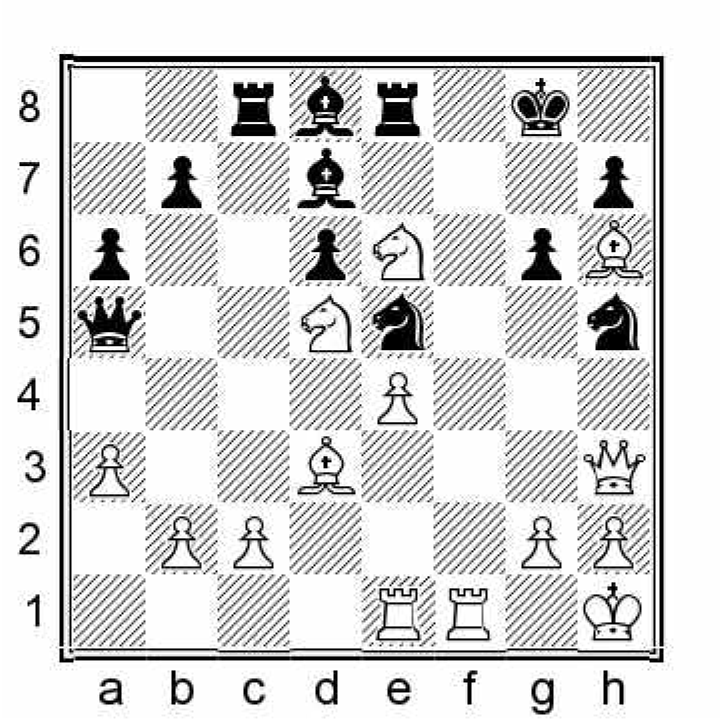
Anish Giri vs Mohammad Amin Tabatabaei, Beograd 2022; Photo by Mark Livshitz, World Chess



Pool A

				1	2	3	4
1	ANDREIKIN	g 2724	■ ■	½ ½	1 ½	½ 1	4
2	S. SHANKLAND	g 2704	½ ½	■ ■	½ ½	1 ½	3½
3	É. BACROT	g 2635	½ 0	½ ½	■ ■	½ ½	2½
4	A. GRISCHUK	g 2758	0 ½	½ 0	½ ½	■ ■	2

Grischuk, Alexander (2764) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)
Beograd, 2022



21...♕xe1! Apparently Grischuk overlooked this powerful queen sacrifice! The ensuing position is totally desperate and Andreikin continues with great precision till the end.

21...♗xe6?? 22.♕xe6+! ♖xe6 23.♖f8#

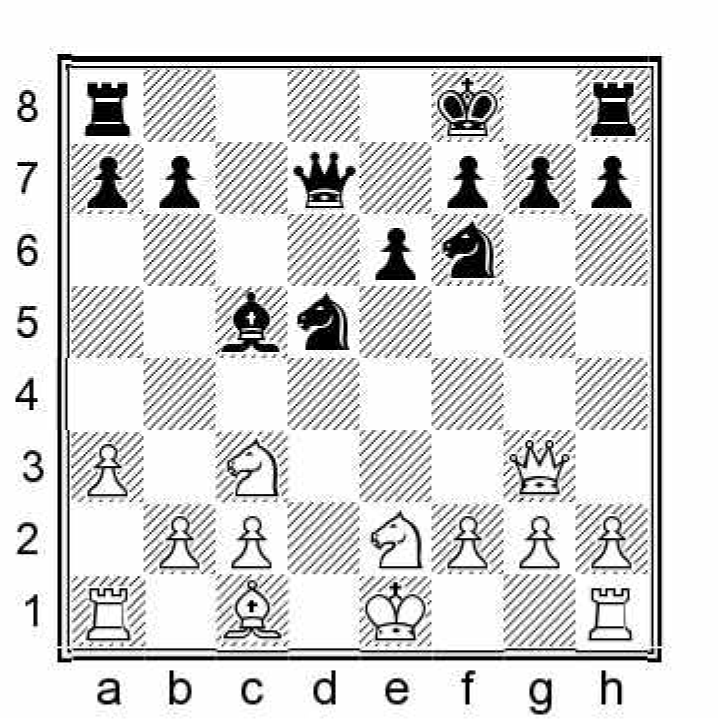
22.♖xe1 ♗xe6 23.♕e3 ♘g4 24.♕d2 ♘xh6 25.♗e2

25.♕xh6 ♗xd5-+

25...♘g7 26.♖f1 ♘f7 27.♘f6+ ♗xf6 28.♖xf6 ♖c5 29.h3 ♘h5 30.♗xh5 ♖xh5-+ 31.♕f2 ♖e5 32.♕b6 ♖e7 33.♖f4 g5 34.♖f2 ♖xe4 35.b3 ♗d5 0-1

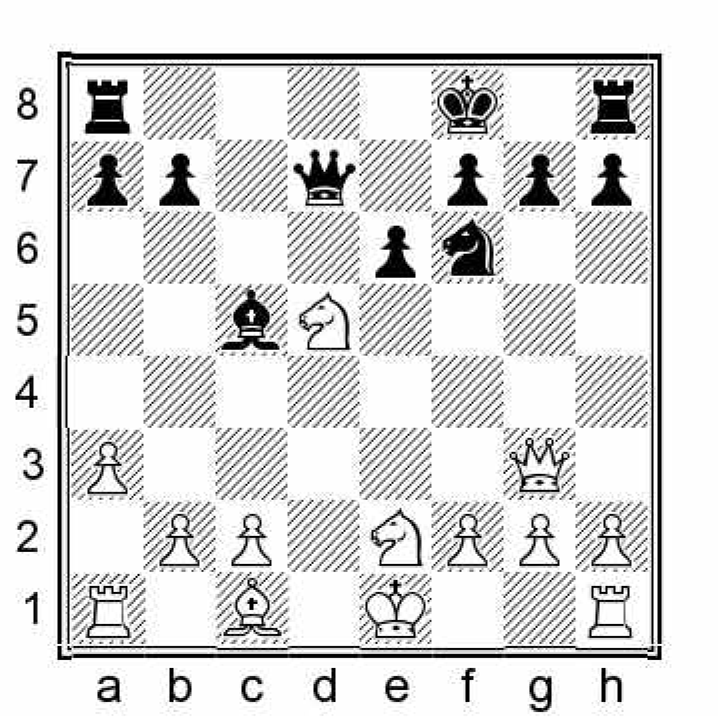
Harikrishna makes a huge blunder in the early phase of the game.

Harikrishna, Penteala (2719) - Vitiugov, Nikita (2726)
Beograd, 2022



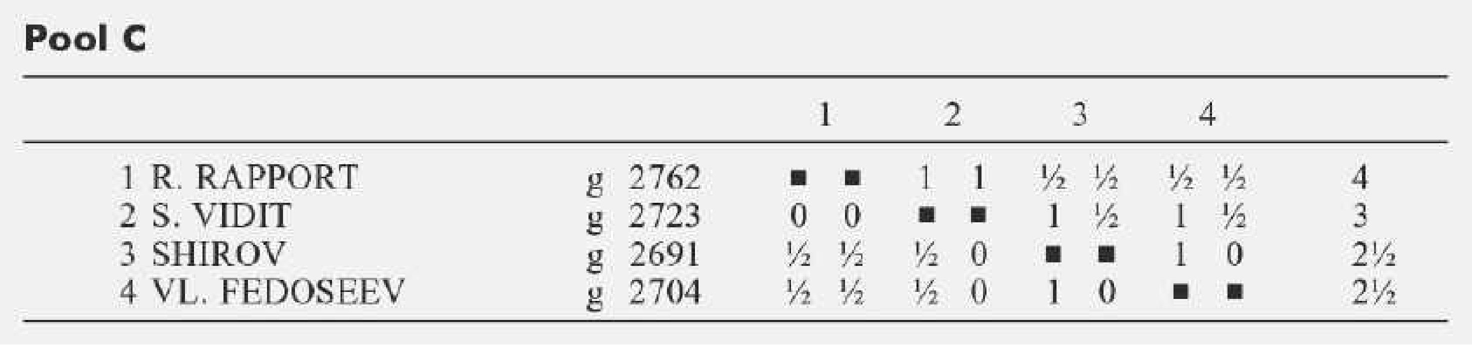
13.♘xd5?

13.O-O Of course, he could have proceeded with 13...♖d8 (Also interesting is 13...h5!? 14.♕h4 ♖c8 15.h3 ♘e7∞) 14.b4 ♗d6 15.♕f3 ♗e5 16.♗b2 ♘xc3 (16...♕c6?! 17.♖ad1 ♖c8 18.b5 ♕c7 19.♘xd5 ♘xd5 20.c4!± with huge plus for White, Tari,Aryan 2639 - Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi 2726, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021) 17.♗xc3 (17.♘xc3 ♖c8 18.♖ae1 ♗xc3 19.♗xc3 ♕c6=) 17...♗xc3 18.♘xc3 ♔e7 (Also fine is 18...♕c6= with roughly equal chances.) 19.♖fe1 (19.♖fd1 ♕c6 20.♕xc6 bxc6=) 19...♖c8 20.♘e4 ♖hd8=



13...♘e4! 14.♕b3 ♗xf2+ 15.♔f1 exd5-+ White is completely hopeless.

16.♗e3 ♕f5 17.♘d4 ♕f6 18.♘f3 ♗xe3 19.♕xe3 ♕xb2 20.♖e1 ♕xc2 21.♔g1 ♕c5 22.♘d4 ♖c8 23.h4 h5 24.♔h2 ♕d6+ 0-1



Pool C

			1		2		3		4		
1 R. RAPPORT	g	2762	■	■	1	1	½	½	½	½	4
2 S. VIDIT	g	2723	0	0	■	■	1	½	1	½	3
3 SHIROV	g	2691	½	½	½	0	■	■	1	0	2½
4 VL. FEDOSEEV	g	2704	½	½	½	0	1	0	■	■	2½

E48
Rapport, Richard (2763) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727)
Beograd, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.a3 ♗d6 8.♕c2

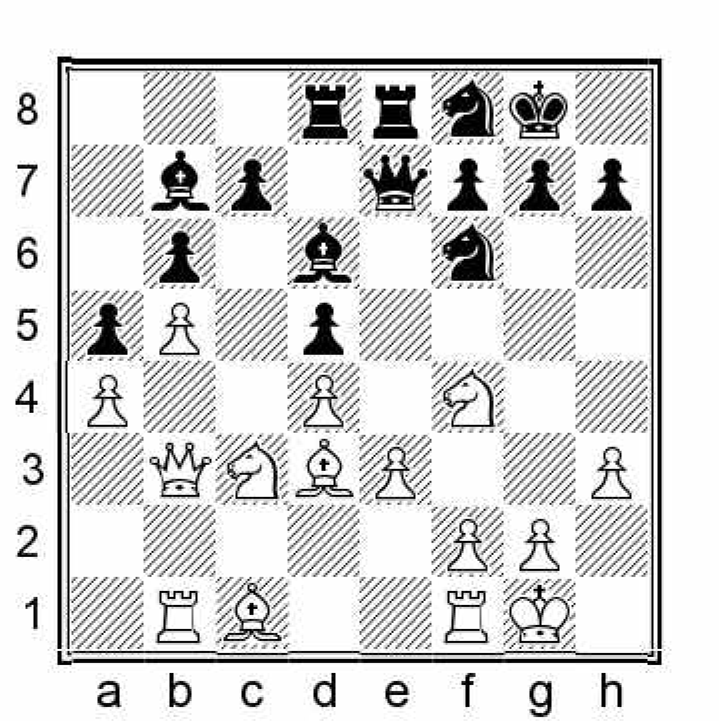
8.♘ge2 Chernin,Alexander 2570 - Kavalek,Lubomir 2560, Subotica (izt) 1987 - 43/713

8...a6

A bit earlier this year Vidit managed to reach equality by going for 8...c6 9.♘ge2 ♖e8 10.♗d2 b6 11.O-O ♗a6 12.♔h1 c5 (12...♗xd3 13.♕xd3 ♘bd7 14.f3 ♕e7=) 13.♖ad1 Better is (13.f3 ♕c8 14.g4 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3 ♘c6 16.♖ad1 ♕e6=) 13...♗b7 (13...g6?! 14.♗xa6 (14.♕b1 ♗b7= Aronian,Levon 2772 - Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi 2727, Berlin 2022 - 151/183) 14...♘xa6 15.f3 ♕e7 16.♗e1! ♕xe3 17.♗h4 ♕h6 18.g3± ↑) 14.f3 ♘c6= Vidit assumed that Rapport was prepared for this continuation so he changed his game plan a bit.

9.♘ge2 ♖e8 10.O-O b6 11.b4 ♘bd7N

11...♗b7 12.♖b1 ♕e7 13.h3 ♘bd7 14.b5 a5 15.a4 ♖ac8 16.♕b3 ♘f8 17.♘f4 ♖cd8



18.♖a1! Excellent move! White is preparing Ba3. 18...♗xf4 19.exf4 ♘e4 20.♗e3± Milov,Vadim 2680 - Riff,Jean Noel 2474, Kemer 2007

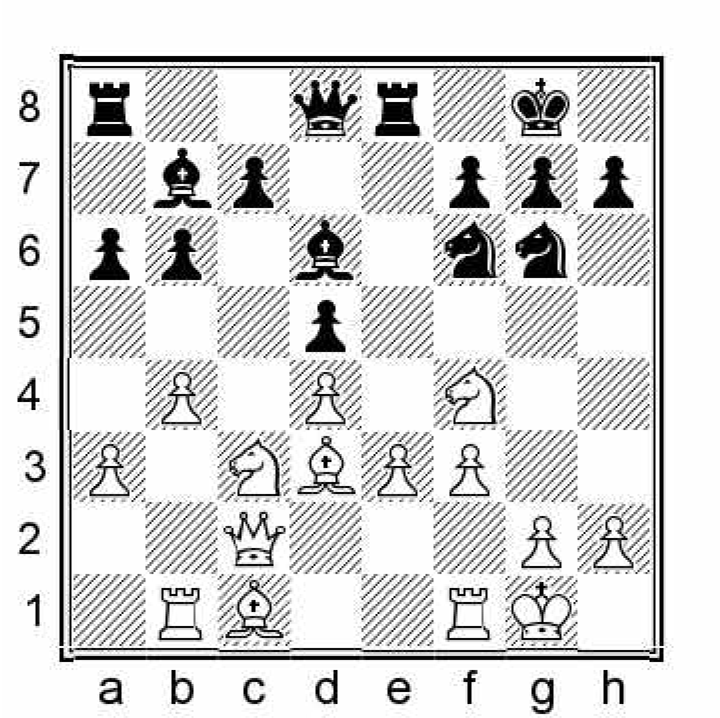
12.♘f4

The very same day the following game took place: 12.b5 ♘f8 13.f3 ♘e6 14.♔h1 ♗f8 15.♗b2 axb5 16.♗xb5 ♗d7 17.a4 (1/2 : 1/2 Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter 2652 - Lodici,Lorenco 2537, Cattolica 2022) and Black could have been slightly better after 17...c6 18.♗d3 c5∓

12...♗b7

Black should avoid 12...♗xf4 13.exf4 ♗b7 14.♗e3 h6 15.h3 ♘e4 16.♖fe1± Because White is able to gain a big advantage thanks to his bishop pair.

13.♖b1 ♘f8 14.f3 ♘g6



15.♘fe2! White avoids the exchange of knights. Rapport is intending to push e4 and make a strong break in the centre, so he keeps as many pieces on the board as possible.

15...♕e7 16.♘g3 ♕d7 17.♘f5± White has a more promising position.

17...♗f8 18.♔h1 ♘e7 19.♘g3! Staying focused and consistent!

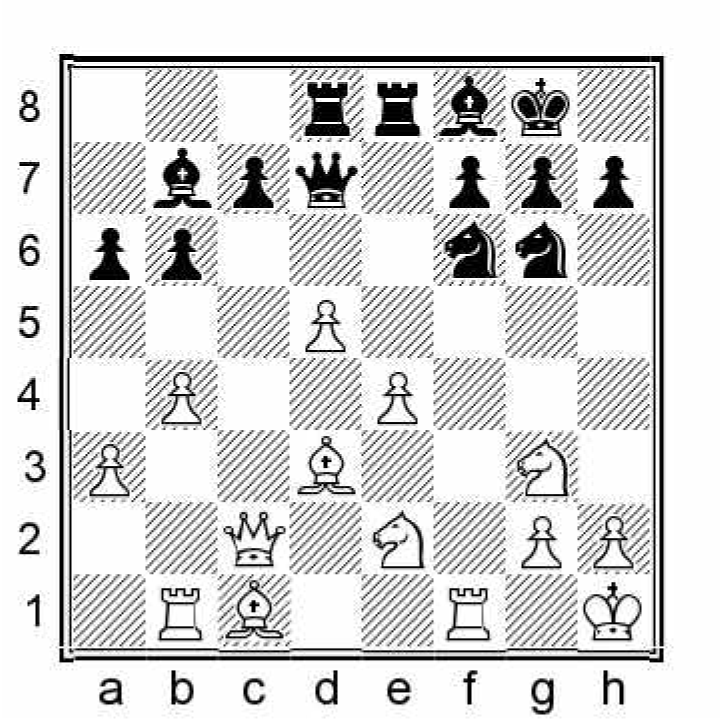
19...♖ad8 20.♘ce2 Black cannot prevent e-pawn advance, and it is very difficult to suggest any improvement for Vidit.

20...♘g6

Maybe, Black could have put stronger resistance after 20...h5 21.♘f4 h4 22.♘ge2± with somewhat more pleasant position for White.

21.e4 dxe4 22.fxe4 ♖e6 23.♗b2

Maybe better is 23.d5 ♖e5 (23...♖ee8



24.♖xf6! gxf6 25.♘h5+-) 24.♘d4 ♖de8 25.♘f3±

23...♘g4 24.♕b3 b5

24...♖f6 25.♗c2±

25.♗c2 ♖c6 26.♘f5 ♖e8 27.♘eg3 a5 28.♗d3

Also, White obtains a better position after 28.bxa5 ♖a6 29.♗d3 ♖xa5 30.h3 ♘f6 31.♘h6+ gxh6 32.♖xf6+-

28...♖ce6 29.bxa5 c6 30.e5 White has a winning position, and Rapport brings the victory hope.

30...♗e7 31.♘h5 ♗f8 32.h3 ♘h6 33.♘xh6+ gxh6 34.♘f6+ ♖xf6 35.♖xf6 ♗g7 36.♖f2 ♖b8 37.♗e4 c5 38.♗xb7 c4 39.♕f3 ♖xb7 40.♗c3 1-0

Most likely this was the most significant win in the group stage for Richard Rapport.

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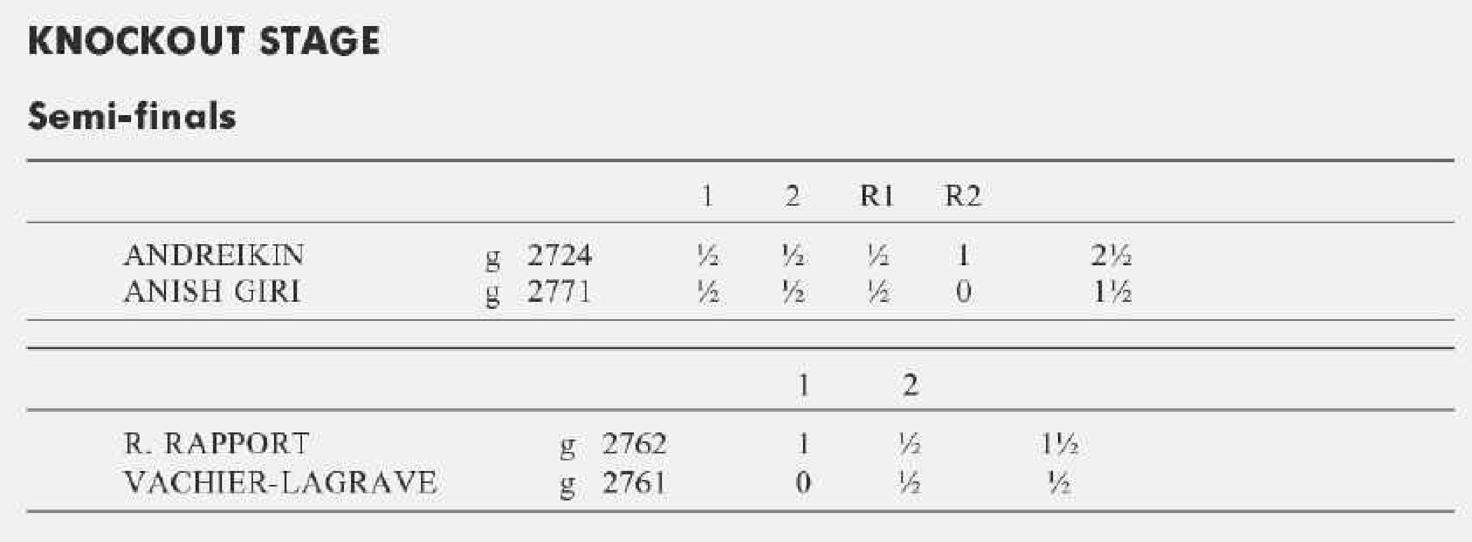
Richárd Rapport vs Santosh Gujrathi Vidit, Beograd 2022; Photo by Mark Livshitz, World Chess



KNOCKOUT STAGE

Semi-finals

			1	2	R1	R2	
ANDREIKIN	g	2724	½	½	½	1	2½
ANISH GIRI	g	2771	½	½	½	0	1½

			1	2	
R. RAPPORT	g	2762	1	½	1½
VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2761	0	½	½

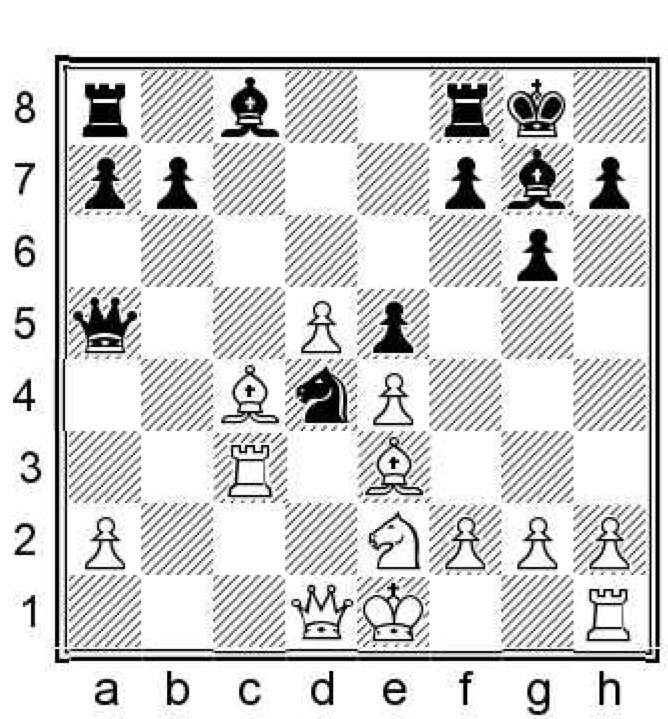
D87
Rapport, Richard (2762) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2761)
Beograd (m/1-playoff), 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 c5 8.♘e2 O-O 9.♗e3 ♘c6 10.♖c1 cxd4 11.cxd4 ♕a5+ 12.♖c3

12.♔f1 Ingersol,Harry - Da Costa Junior,Luiz Roberto, corr 2007 - 100/362

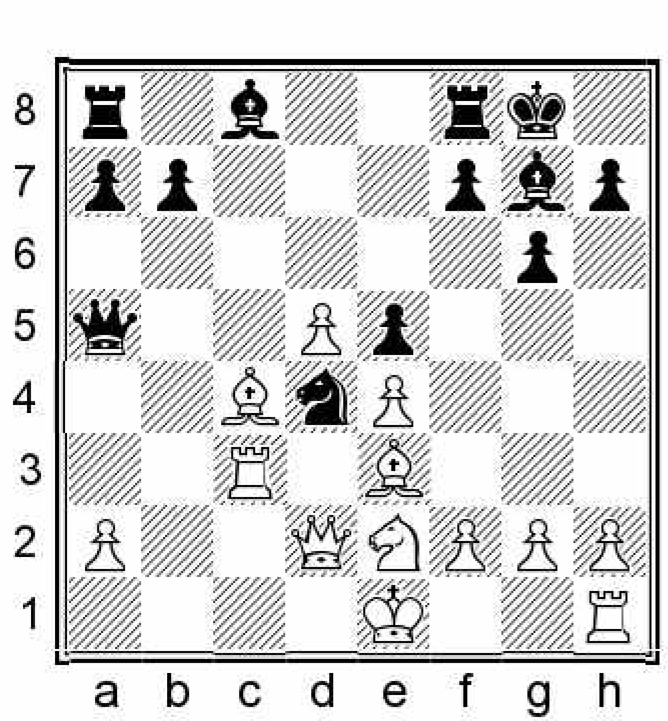
12...e5 13.d5 ♘d4

Also interesting is 13...b5!? 14.♗d3 (14.♗b3 ♘d4 15.♗d2 b4 16.♖c1 ♘xb3 17.♕xb3 ♗a6∞) 14...♘b4 (14...♘d4 15.♕d2 b4 16.♖c1 ♗d7 17.O-O±) 15.O-O ♘xd3 16.♕xd3 b4 17.♖c2 ♗a6 18.♕d2 ♖fc8 19.♖fc1 ♖xc2 20.♖xc2 ♗f8∞ (20...♖c8∞)



14.♗d2! Rapport prepared this novelty for his duel against Vachier-Lagrave, an expert in the realms of the Gruenfeld Defence.

On 14.♕d2 here Black has an efficient reply:



14...♗h3! (Black chose the wrong path - 14...♘xe2? 15.♗xe2 ♗d7 16.O-O f5 17.♖fc1+- - with a quick resignation, Bluebaum,Matthias 2647 - Baldauf,Marco 2503, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 15.O-O ♖fc8 16.♘xd4 (16.♖fc1? ♖xc4! 17.♘xd4 ♖xc3 18.♖xc3 exd4 19.♖c8+ ♖xc8 20.♕xa5 dxe3 21.fxe3 ♗d7∓) 16...exd4 17.♖c2 ♕a4 18.♗b3 dxe3 19.♕xe3 ♕a3 20.♕xh3 ♖xc2 21.♗xc2 ♕xh3 22.gxh3 ♖c8= with equality.

14...♗d7

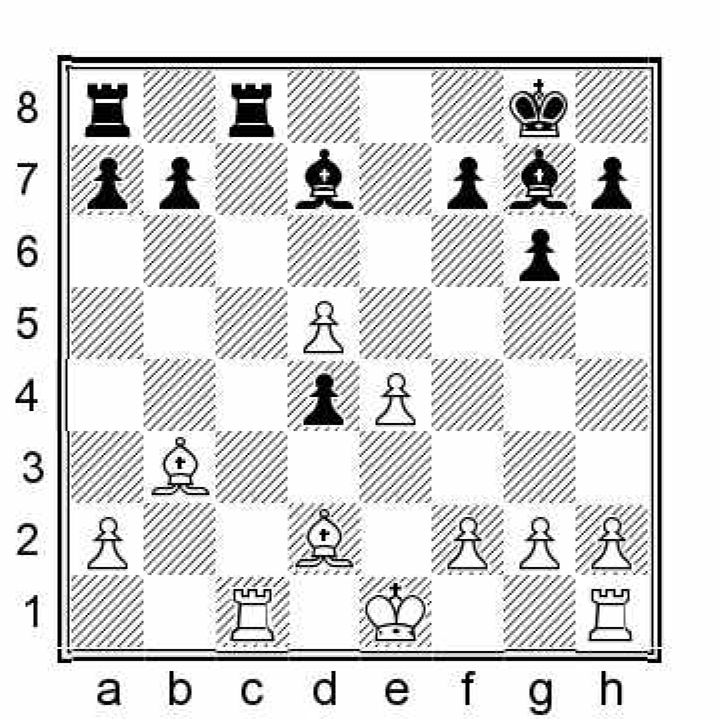
14...♗g4 15.f3 b5 16.♗d3 ♗d7 17.♘xd4 exd4 18.♖c1 ♕b6 19.O-O± Strong pawn centre guarantee White some advantage.

15.♘xd4 exd4 16.♖c1 ♕a3 17.♕b3! White is trying to force the exchange of queens, so the black d-pawn becomes even weaker.

Also good is 17.O-O a5 (17...b5 18.♕b3 ♕xb3 19.♗xb3±) 18.♕e2 ♖fe8 19.♗f4±

17...♕xb3 18.♗xb3 ♖ae8

18...♖fc8



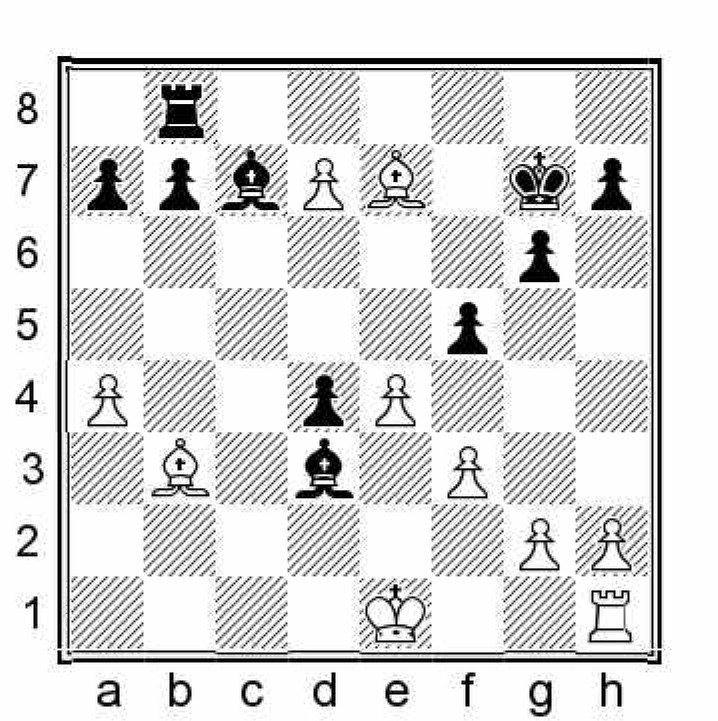
19.♔e2! Castling is not obligatory, as the white king is not in any serious danger. 19...f5 (19...♗b5+ 20.♔f3±) 20.exf5 ♗xf5 21.♖he1 h5 22.h3 ♗f8 23.♔f3± and Black ends up in a really terrible situation.

19.f3

Also, good enough is 19.♖c7 ♖xe4+ 20.♔d1 ♗f5 21.f3 ♖ee8 22.♖xb7+- The rook on the 7th rank would secure a huge advantage for White.

19...f5 20.♖c7 ♗b5 21.a4 ♗d3 22.d6+ ♔h8 23.d7 ♖b8 24.♗b4 ♗e5 25.♗xf8 ♗xc7 26.♗e7 ♔g7

26...♗d8? 27.♗d6 ♖a8 28.♗e5+ ♗f6 29.♗xf6#



27.e5! Excellent move. Black is unable to solve all the problems he is facing.

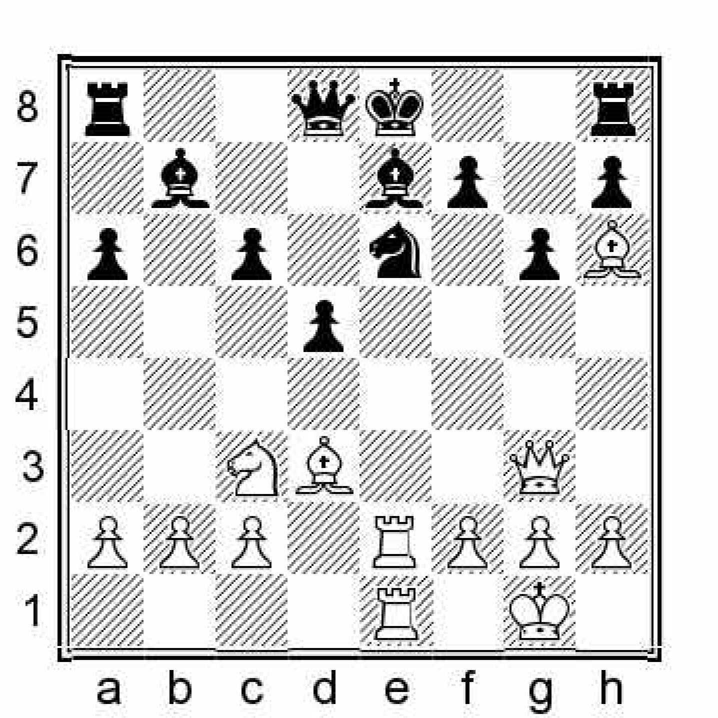
27...b5 28.♗f6+ ♔f8 29.e6 ♗d8 30.♗e5 ♖b6 31.♗xd4 ♖c6 32.axb5 ♗xb5 33.♔f2 ♔e7 34.♗e3 ♗b6 35.♖d1 ♗xe3+ 36.♔xe3 ♖c3+ 37.♔f4 1-0

A brilliant game by Rapport who obviously did some serious preparation for the Beograd Grand Prix. Most likely, being a citizen of the Serbian capital for some years now gave him special motivation and boost. The second game against Vachier-Lagrave he managed to draw without much effort. The final versus Andreikin was the final step.

B46
Giri, Anish (2771) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)
Beograd (m/4-playoff-rapid), 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.♗d3 d5 8.O-O ♘f6 9.♕f3 ♗b7 10.♖e1 ♗e7 11.♕g3 h5 A novelty. Nevertheless, White has a more pleasant position thanks to his better development and safer king.

Most common is 11...g6?! 12.♗h6 ♗f8 (12...♘d7?? is losing right away. 13.exd5 exd5 (13...cxd5 14.♖xe6! fxe6 15.♕xg6+ hxg6 16.♗xg6#) 14.♖e2 ♘c5 15.♖ae1 ♘e6

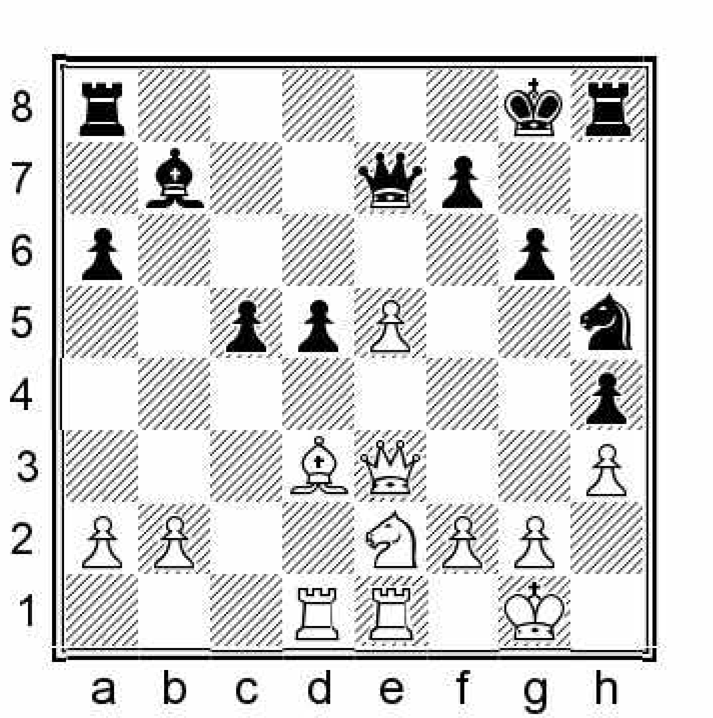


16.♖xe6! fxe6 17.♕e5 ♖g8 18.♕xe6 ♖f8 19.♗g5 ♖f7 20.♗xg6 hxg6 21.♕xg6+- and White is winning, as in Navara, David 2719 - Macieja,Bartlomiej 2613, Greece 2006 - 97/(109)) 13.♕h3 ♗xh6 14.♕xh6 ♘g4 15.♕f4 ♘f6 16.♘a4 O-O 17.♘c5 ♗c8 18.♖ad1± De Vreugt,Denis 2503 - Andersson,Ulf 2594, Deutschland 2003 - 89/(141), Black is facing a difficult task to equalise.

11...♔f8 12.e5 ♘d7 13.♘e2 h5 14.♘d4 ♘c5 15.♘f3 h4 16.♕g4 a5 17.♗g5 ♗a6 18.♖ad1± Perelshteyn,Eugene 2534 - Kovalyov, Anton 2557, Edmonton 2009

12.h3 ♔f8 13.♗f4 h4 14.♕f3 ♔g8 15.♖ad1 ♘h5 16.♗h2 ♗d6 17.♗xd6 ♕xd6 18.e5 ♕b4 19.♘e2! g6 20.c3

Instead, White should have played a more decisive 20.c4! ♕e7 (20...dxc4 21.♕g4±) 21.♕e3 c5 22.cxd5 exd5 (22...♗xd5 23.♘c3±)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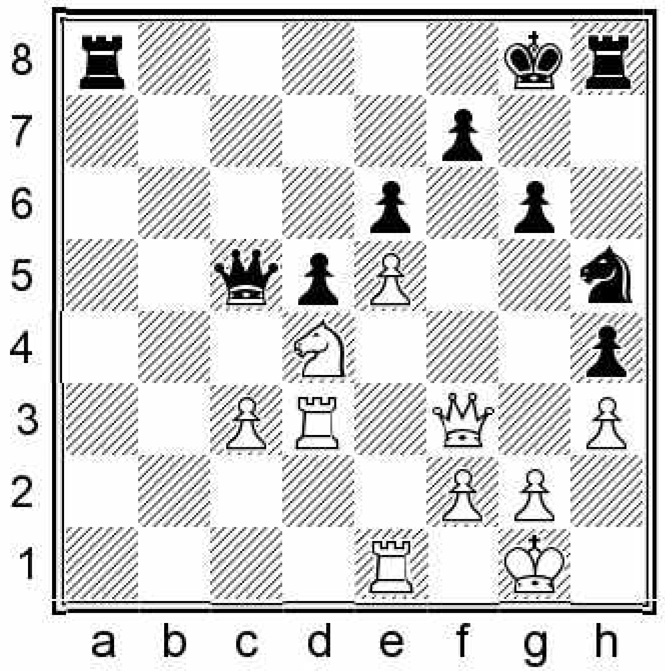
23.b4! cxb4 (23...c4 24.♗c2±) 24.♘d4 ♔g7 25.♗e2 a5 26.♗g4± with a clearly superior position.

20...♕e7 21.b4

21.♕g4!? a5 (21...c5 22.b4!±) 22.♘d4 ♘g7 23.♘f3 c5 24.♕f4↑ with some pressure.

21...a5 22.a3 ♗a6 23.♘d4 ♗xd3 24.♕xd3? A really bad move.

Giri misses the opportunity to gain a huge advantage. 24.♖xd3! axb4 25.axb4 c5 26.bxc5 ♕xc5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27.g4! hxg3 28.fxg3 ♘g7 29.g4±

24...♕b7?

24...axb4 25.axb4 c5 26.bxc5 ♕xc5 27.♖b1 ♘g7⇄ Andreikin could reach powerful counter-play by very simple means.

25.♖b1 ♕a6 26.b5 cxb5 27.♖xb5 ♘g7 28.♖eb1 ♕c8 29.♖b6

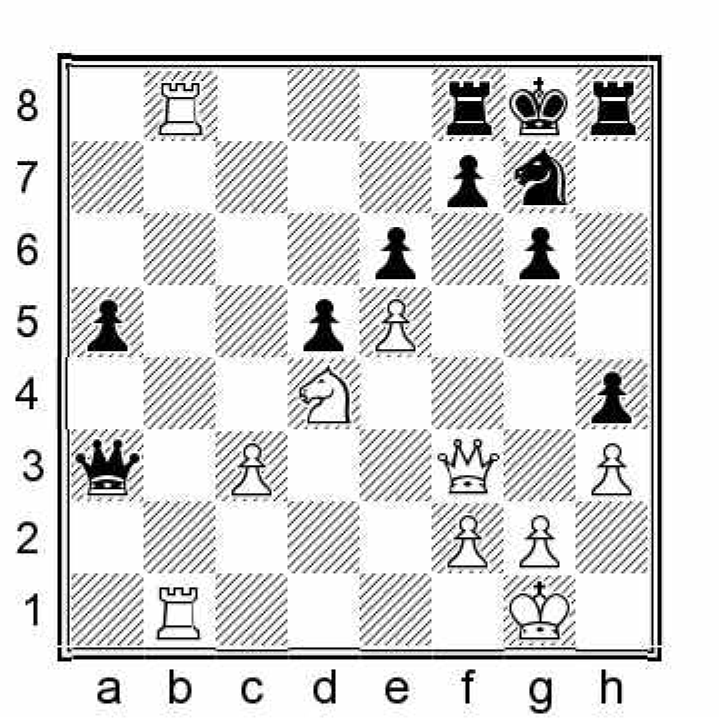
29.♖b7! ♘f5 30.♕d2 ♖h5 31.♘f3 White is dominant, due to the poorly positioned black rook.

29...♕c5?!

29...♘f5 30.♘f3± With some edge for White.

30.♕f3 ♖f8 31.♖b8 ♕xa3

31...♕c7 32.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 33.♕f6



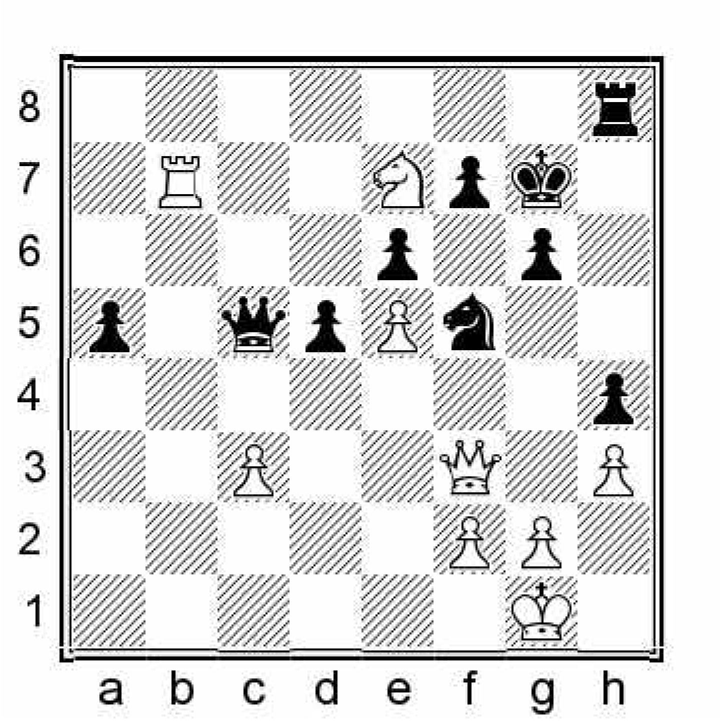
32.♖xf8+?!

32.♘b5! This move guarantees White a totally winning position! 32...♕a2 (32...♕c5 33.♘d6 ♖xb8 34.♖xb8+ ♔h7 35.♖b5 ♕a3 36.♖b7 ♖f8 37.♘xf7+-) 33.♘d6 ♘f5 34.♘xf7! ♔xf7 35.♖1b7+ ♔g8 36.♕g4! ♖h6 37.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 38.♕g5+-

32...♕xf8 33.♘c6?! After one more imprecise move by Giri, Andreikin is back in the game!

Instead, White should proceed with 33.♕f6! a4 34.♘c6 ♘e8 35.♕f4! (35.♘e7+ ♔h7 36.♕xh4+ ♔g7 37.♕b4 g5! with decent drawing chances.) 35...a3 36.♖b8 ♔g7 37.♖b7 a2 38.♖a7 ♖h5 39.♘d4± Black will have to suffer for a while if he intends to save the game.

33...♕c5 34.♖b7 ♘f5= 35.♘e7+ ♔g7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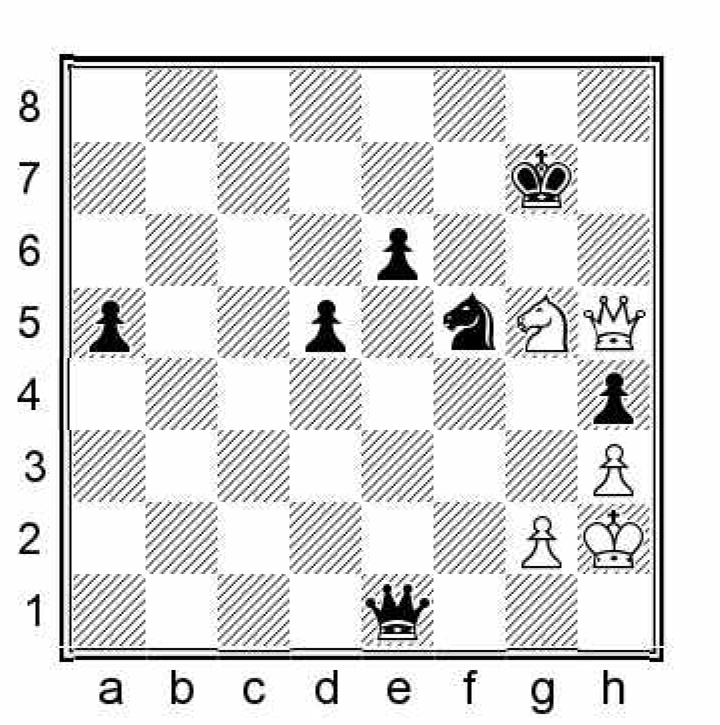
36.♘xg6? A terrible blunder that leads to defeat.

A roughly equal position ensues after 36.♘xf5+ exf5 (36...gxf5 37.g4 ♕c6 38.♕f4 ♕xb7 39.♕g5+ ♔f8 40.♕d8+ ♔g7 41.♕g5+=) 37.e6 ♖f8 38.♖d7 ♕c4 39.♖a7 a4 40.♕e3 ♕e4 41.♔f1 ♕c4+ 42.♔g1 ♕e4=

36...♕c6!

36...♔xg6? 37.♕g4+ ♔h6 38.♕f4+ ♔g6 39.♕g4+=

37.♖xf7+ ♔xf7 38.♘xh8+ ♔g7 39.♕h5 ♕xc3 40.♘f7 ♕e1+ 41.♔h2 ♕xf2 42.♘g5 ♕g3+ 43.♔g1 ♕e1+ 44.♔h2 ♕xe5+ 45.♔g1 ♕e3+ 46.♔h2 ♕g3+ 47.♔g1 ♕e1+ 48.♔h2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48...♕h1+! The simplest and most efficient solution! Andreikin reaches a winning endgame by force.

49.♔xh1 ♘g3+ 50.♔g1 ♘xh5 51.♘xe6+ ♔f6 52.♘c5 ♔e5 53.♔f2 d4 54.♔e2 ♘f4+ 55.♔f3 ♔d5 56.♘a4 ♘e6 57.g3 hxg3 58.h4 d3 59.♔xg3 ♔c4 60.h5 ♔b3 61.h6 ♘f8 62.♘c5+ ♔c2 63.♘e6 d2 0-1

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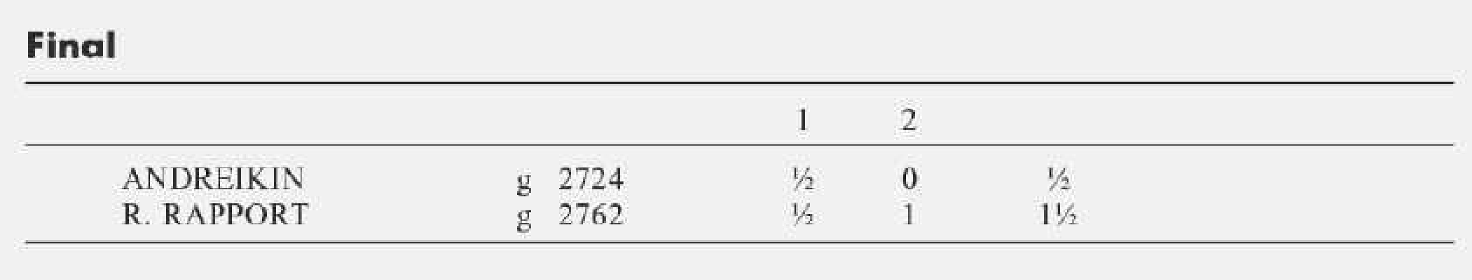

Final

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ANDREIKIN	g	2724	½	0	½
R. RAPPORT	g	2762	½	1	1½

Finally, we will take a look at the game that deciced the winner of the Beograd Grand Prix.

D31
Rapport, Richard (2762) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)
Beograd (m/2-playoff), 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.a3

5.♘f3 Radjabov,Teimour 2765 - Carlsen,Magnus 2847, chess24.com (Internet-m1/2-rapid) 2021 -

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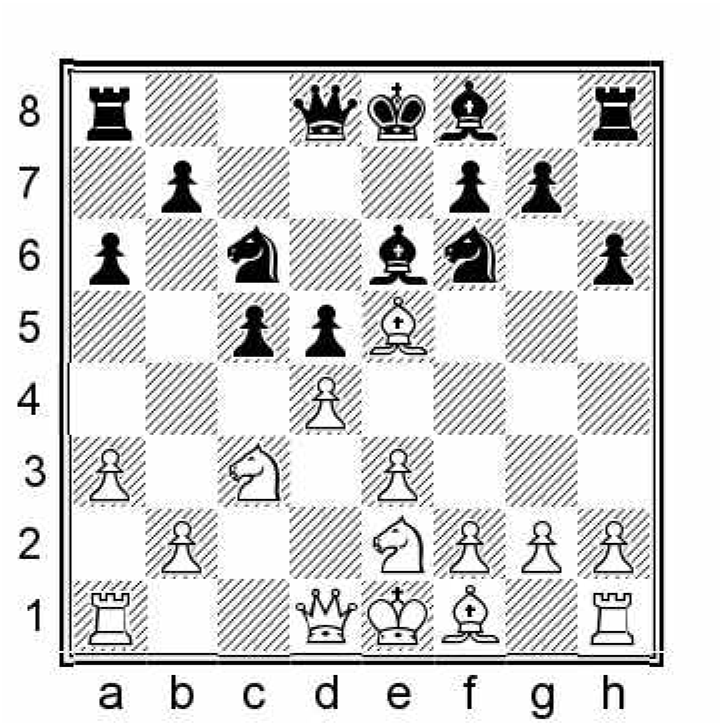
5...h6 6.♗f4 ♘f6 7.e3 c5N A novelty, and apparently stronger move than 7...Bd6.

7...♗d6 8.♗xd6 (8.♗g3 ♗f5∞) 8...♕xd6 9.♗d3 O-O 10.♘ge2 ♖e8 11.O-O± with minimal plus for White.

8.♗e5 ♗e6 9.♘ge2 ♘c6



10.♘f4

Also, White could try 10.g3!? ♗d6 (10...cxd4 11.♗xd4 ♗d6 12.♗g2±; 10...♘e4 11.♘f4 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 ♕a5 13.♕d2 ♗f5 14.♗d3 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3 ♘xe5 16.dxe5 c4 17.♕c2±) 11.♗xd6 ♕xd6 12.dxc5 ♕xc5 13.♗g2 O-O 14.O-O ♖fd8 15.♖c1 ♕d6 16.♘a4± White has a slightly better position due to the Black's IQP.

10...cxd4 11.♗xd4 ♘xd4 12.♕xd4 ♗d6 13.g3 ♖c8 14.♖d1

14.♘xe6 fxe6 15.♗h3 ♔f7 16.O-O ♖c4 17.♕d3 ♗e5=

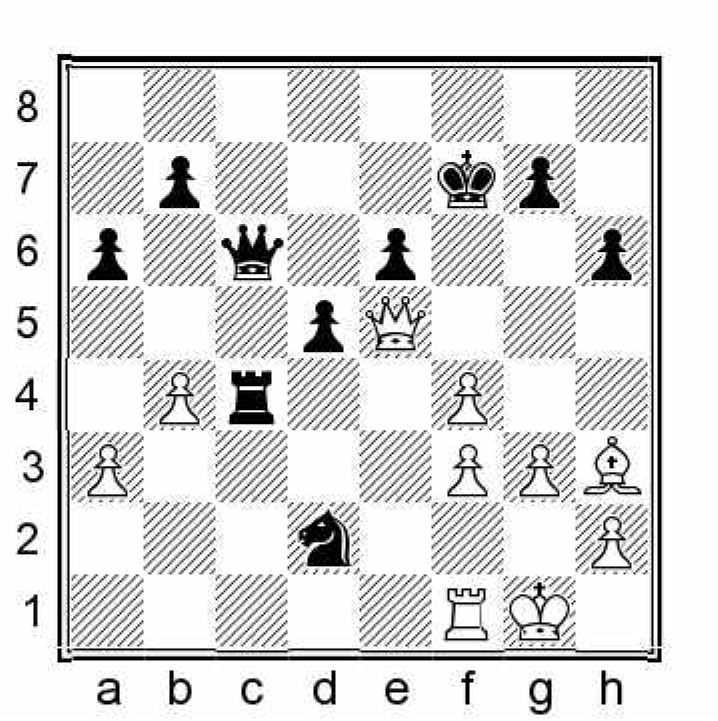
14...♕a5 15.♖c1 O-O 16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.♗h3 ♔f7 18.O-O ♖c4 19.♕d3 ♗e5 20.♘e2 ♖fc8 21.♖xc4 ♖xc4= Andreikin finds the way to equality.

22.b4 ♕a4 23.♘f4 ♗xf4 24.exf4

24.gxf4? ♕c2∓

24...♕c6 25.♕e3 ♘e4 26.f3 ♖c3 27.♕d4 ♖c4 28.♕e3 ♖c3 29.♕d4 ♖c4 30.♕e5 Rapport bravely goes for complications, avoiding the repetition of moves.

30...♘d2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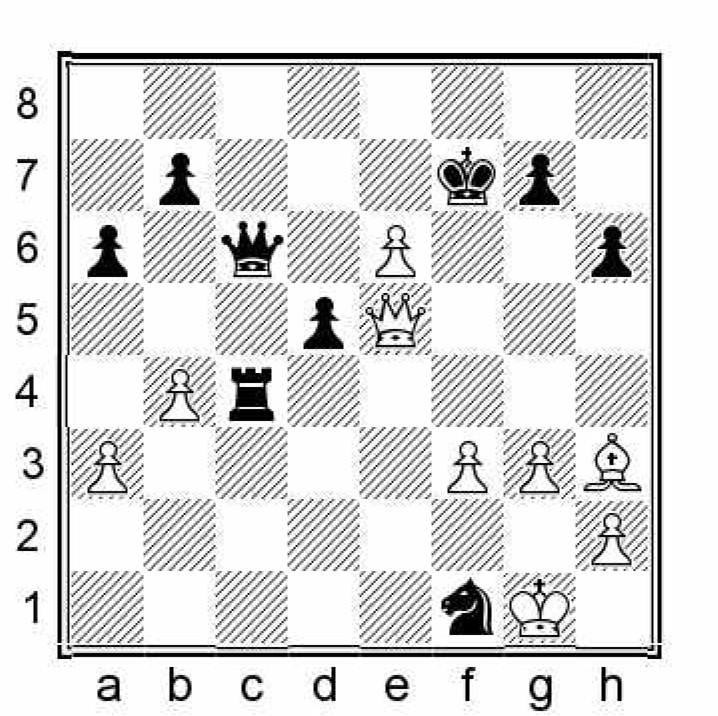
31.f5! ♘xf1 32.fxe6+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32...♔e8? Most likely, the importance of the game caused this mistake by Andreikin.

Instead, he could have retained the equality after 32...♔e7! 33.♕xg7+ ♔d6 34.♕f8+ (34.e7 ♕b6+ 35.♔h1 ♘xg3+ 36.♕xg3+ ♔xe7 37.♕e5+ ♔f8 38.♕h8+=) 34...♔c7 35.e7 ♕b6+ 36.♔xf1 ♖c1+ 37.♔e2 ♖e1+ 38.♔xe1 ♕e3+ 39.♔d1 ♕d3+=

33.♕xg7 ♕b6+

33...♕c7 34.♕g6+ ♔e7 35.♗xf1+-

34.♔xf1 ♖c1+ 35.♔e2 ♖e1+

35...♖c7 36.♕g8+ ♔e7 37.♕f7+ ♔d6 38.♕f4+ ♔c6 39.♕e5 ♖e7 40.f4+-

36.♔xe1 ♕e3+ 37.♔d1 Rapport manages to evacuate his king and escape a possible perpetual check threat, thus scoring a crucial win.

37...♕d3+ 38.♔c1+- ♕e3+

38...♕xa3+ 39.♔d2 ♕xb4+ 40.♕c3+-

39.♔b1 ♕d3+ 40.♔c1 ♕e3+ 41.♔b2 ♕d2+ 42.♔a1 ♕c1+ 43.♔a2 ♕c4+ 44.♔b2 ♕e2+ 45.♔a1 ♕f1+

45...♕d1+ 46.♔a2 ♕e2+ 47.♕b2+-

46.♗xf1 1-0

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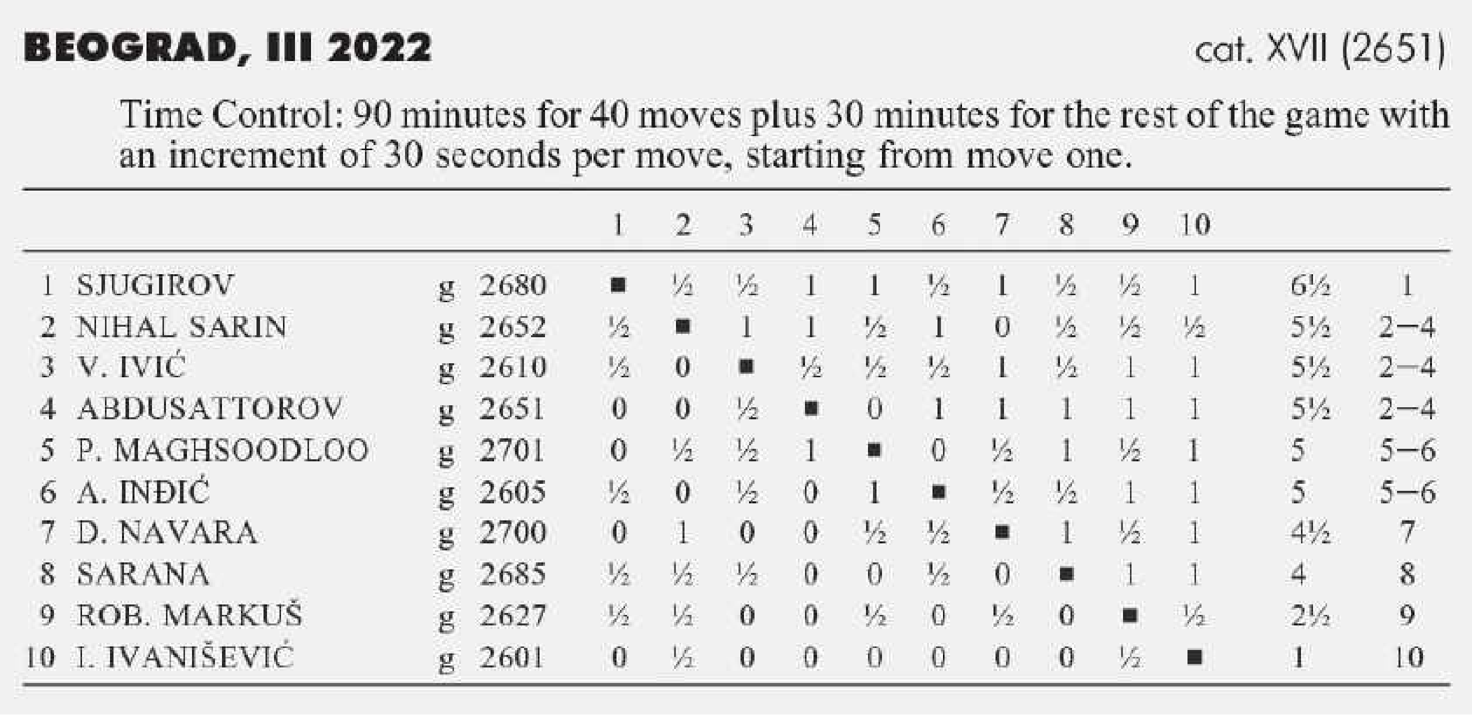
Richárd Rapport vs Dmitry Andreikin, Beograd 2022; Photo by Mark Livshitz, World Chess

Sanan Sjugirov Wins GM Tournament

With 6½/9 Sanan Sjugirov convincingly won a strong Grandmaster Tournament in Beograd that was played in parallel to the FIDE Grand Prix. Nihal Sarin, Velimir Ivic and Nodirbek Abdusattorov shared places two to four with 5½/9 each. Four Serbian Grandmasters, of whom Robert Markus had the highest rating, met six international grandmasters. Among them were promising young talents such as Parham Maghsoodloo, Nihal Sarin and Nodirbek Abdusattorov. Serbian chess fans put their hopes on the 18-year-old Velimir Ivic. The top seeds were Parham Maghsoodloo, Sanan Sjugirov and David Navara.

The following game features the clash of two uprising stars and future top 10 players.



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Time Control: 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

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1	SJUGIROV	g	2680	■	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	½	1	6½	1
2	NIHAL SARIN	g	2652	½	■	1	1	½	1	0	½	½	½	5½	2–4
3	V. IVIĆ	g	2610	½	0	■	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	5½	2–4
4	ABDUSATTOROV	g	2651	0	0	½	■	0	1	1	1	1	1	5½	2–4
5	P. MAGHSOODLOO	g	2701	0	½	½	1	■	0	½	1	½	1	5	5–6
6	A. INĐIĆ	g	2605	½	0	½	0	1	■	½	½	1	1	5	5–6
7	D. NAVARA	g	2700	0	1	0	0	½	½	■	1	½	1	4½	7
8	SARANA	g	2685	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	■	1	1	4	8
9	ROB. MARKUŠ	g	2627	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	■	½	2½	9
10	I. IVANIŠEVIĆ	g	2601	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	■	1	10

B96
Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701) - Sarana, Alexey (2685)
Beograd, 2022

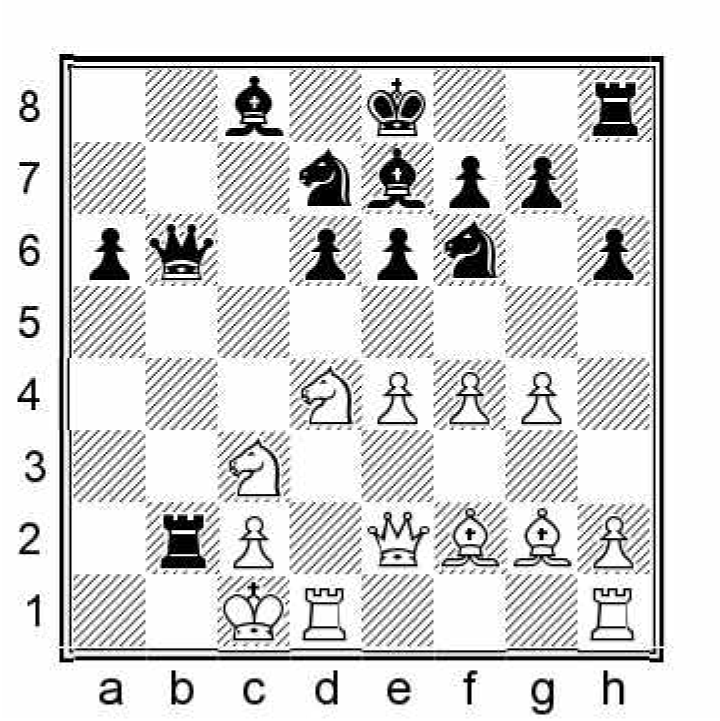
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♘bd7 8.♕e2 ♕c7 9.O-O-O b5 10.a3 ♖b8 11.g4

11.♘d5 Bronstein,David 2585 - Gheorghiu,Florin 2530, Petropolis (izt) 1973 - 16/472

11...h6 12.♗h4 ♗e7 13.♗g2 b4 Black is seeking chances on the queenside, thus reaching a highly double-edged position. Precise play is much required on both sides.

14.axb4 ♖xb4 15.♗e1 ♕b6 16.♗f2 ♖xb2N

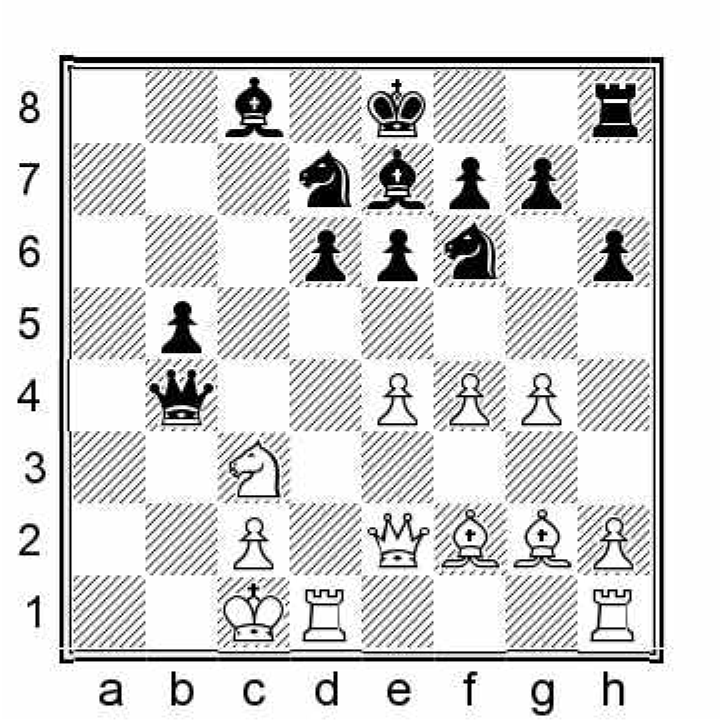
Much better is 16...♕c7 17.h4 (17.♗f3 ♘b6 18.♘a2 ♖a4 19.♔b1 d5∞) 17...h5 18.g5 ♘g4∞ with unclear play, as in Magshoodloo's games against Cheparinov some 10 days later.



17.♘db5! ♕a5

17...♘c5 18.♔xb2 O-O (18...♘fd7 19.♗xc5 ♘xc5 20.♔c1 axb5 21.♕xb5+ ♘d7 22.♕xb6 ♘xb6 23.h4+-) 19.♗xc5 dxc5 20.e5 ♘d7 21.♖he1±

18.♔xb2 ♕b4+ 19.♔c1 axb5



20.♔d2! This king walk brings White some advantage.

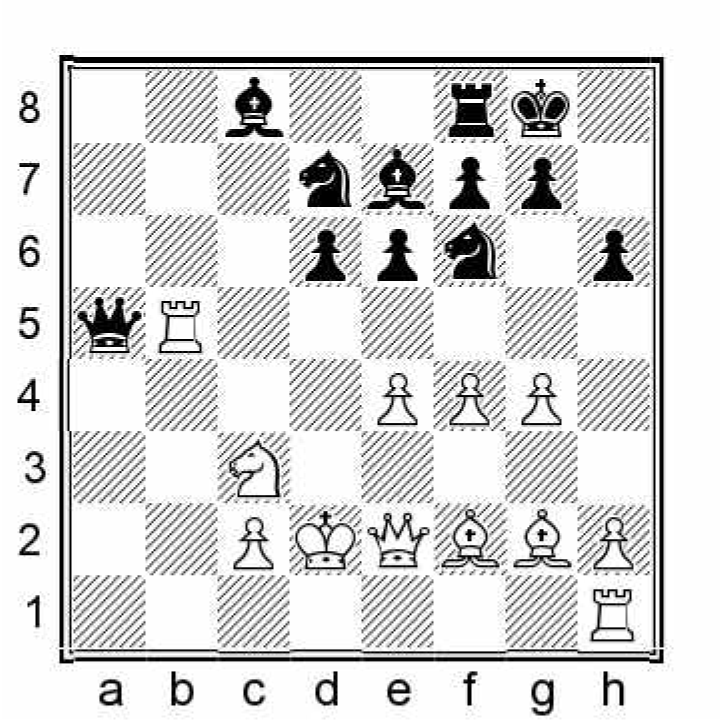
20.♘b1? ♘c5 21.c3 ♕a5∓

20...O-O

Black can put stronger resistance after 20...g5 21.♖b1 ♕c4 22.♖xb5 ♕xe2+ 23.♘xe2 gxf4 (23...♘xg4 24.♗d4 e5 25.fxe5 dxe5 26.♗c3±) 24.h3 (24.♘xf4 ♘xg4 25.♗g3 ♗g5 26.h4 ♗f6 27.♘d3±) 24...♗a6 25.♖b3 ♗xe2 26.♔xe2 O-O 27.♖hb1± with somewhat better position for White.

21.♖b1 ♕a5 22.♖xb5

Probably stronger is 22.♕xb5 ♕c7 23.h3 g5 24.♖a1 gxf4 25.♖a7 ♕d8 26.♖b1±



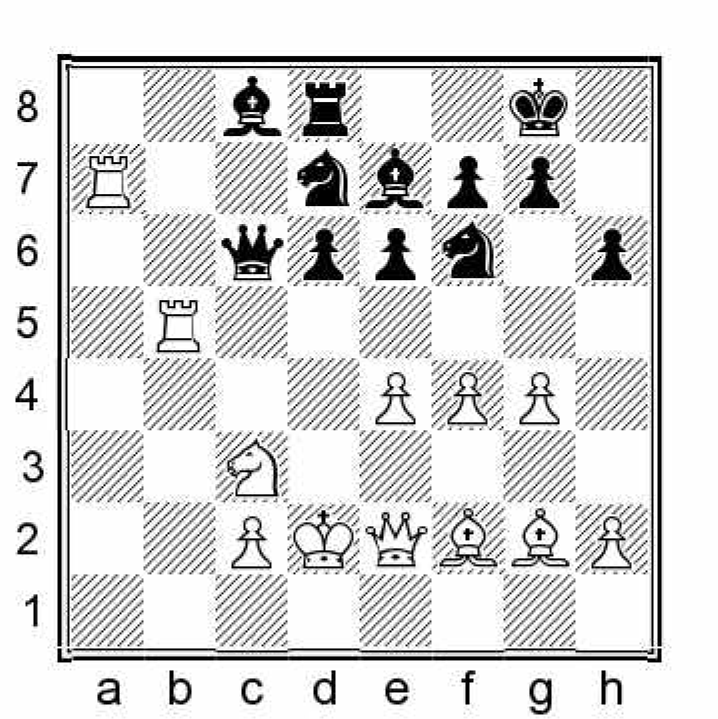
22...♕c7? The crucial mistake. Black misses the opportunity to generate some counter-chances.

After 22...♕a8 23.g5 (23.h4 ♗a6 24.g5 ♗xb5 25.♕xb5 ♖b8 26.♕e2 ♘h7 27.gxh6 ♕a5∓; 23.♖g1 ♗a6 24.e5 d5! 25.exf6 ♗xf6 26.♖gb1 ♗xc3+ 27.♔xc3 ♗xb5 28.♖xb5 ♕a4 29.♔d2 ♖c8 30.♔d1 ♕a1+ 31.♔d2 ♕a4=) 23...hxg5 24.fxg5 ♘h7 25.h4 ♗a6∞ and Black has solved all of his problems.

23.♖a1 ♖d8

Black will suffer after 23...♘c5 24.♗xc5 dxc5 25.e5 ♘d7 26.♖bb1+-

24.♖a7+- ♕c6



25.♘d5! The most efficient finish! Black loses his queen.

25.♘d5 ♖e8 (25...exd5 26.exd5) 26.♘b4

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ELSHAN'S EXPLORATIONS

By GM Elshan Moradiabadi

FIDE GRAND PRIX 2022 – BERLIN

Wesley So wins, Nakamura and Rapport make it to the Candidates

Elshan Moradiabadi

- **Country:** USA
- **Born:** 1985
- **Rating:** 2535
- **Peak rating:** 2603
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2005

The third leg of the Grand Prix series took place between March 22nd and April 4th. The following players were in race for the two available spots at the Candidates Tournament: Hikaru Nakamura, Levon Aronian, Anish Giri, Leinier Dominguez Perez, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave were the five players who were chasing the two coveted spots along with Richard Rapport who had already done well in the past two events. With Rapport having won the second leg and secured another semi-final finish, he seemed to be one of the two qualifiers. This speculation got confirmed after the initial drawing of the lots, when Aronian and Nakamura, who could catch up or surpass Rapport ended up in the same group.

Things were quite nerve-wrecking for Giri, Dominguez, and MVL and the trio got eliminated at the hands of Mohammad Amin Tabatabaei, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, and Wesley So respectively.

Pool A, though, saw a more dramatic turn of events. Nakamura lost an important game to Aronian in round one and then went on almost losing his 2nd and 3rd games but miraculously saved both. In a fashion similar to Fischer in 1966 Piatigorsky Cup, Nakamura won all of the games in the return matches and emerged victorious in pool A. As a result, without the games of semi-final and final having been played, Nakamura had already netted the ticket for the Candidates along with Richard Rapport. This raised a thread of criticism on social media where chess fans criticized the qualifying system. Nevertheless, the games were extremely dramatic and exciting. A true feast to the eyes, one would say.

Pool A

				1		2		3		4		
1	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2750	■	■	1	½	1	0	½	1	4
2	G. OPARIN	g	2674	½	0	■	■	1	½	1	½	3½
3	ARONIAN	g	2785	1	0	½	0	■	■	1	½	3
4	AN. ESIPENKO	g	2723	0	½	½	0	½	0	■	■	1½

In the semis, Nakamura dragged Mamedyarov into his speciality, which is rapid chess, and edged the Azeri GM to become the overall winner of the 2022 Grand Prix. On the other side, So cruised in game one against Tabatabaei and had things under control in game two until he succumbed to a tactical oversight and the match went into a tiebreak. In game one of the tiebreak, Tabatabaei came close to continue his triumphant move by almost beating Wesley, but the Iranian missed several chances and eventually lost the game and match.

KNOCKOUT STAGE

Semi-finals

			1	2	R1	R2	
HI. NAKAMURA	g	2750	½	½	1	1	3
MAMEDYAROV	g	2776	½	½	0	0	1

			1	2	R1	R2	
W. SO	g	2778	1	0	1	1	3
MOHA. TABATABAEI	g	2623	0	1	0	0	1

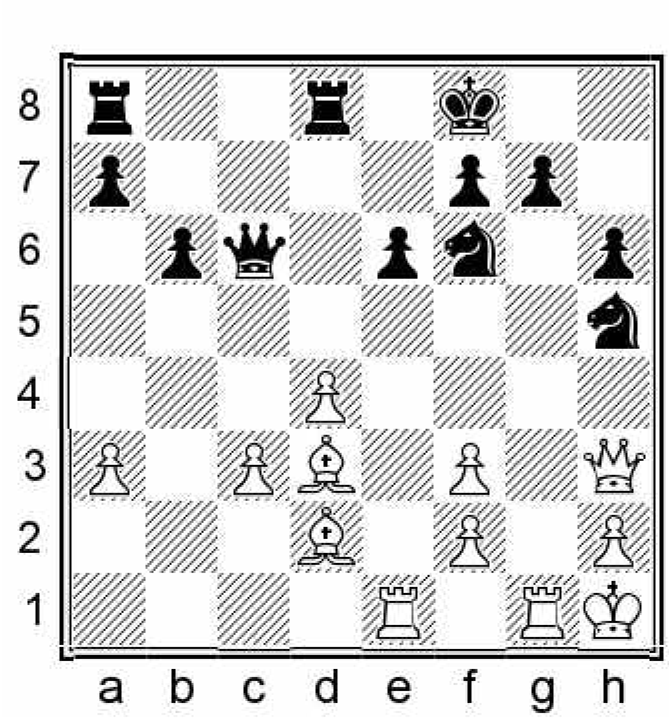
In the final match the players entered tiebreaks without much work in classical games. This time Wesley So proved to be in a good form and convincingly beat Nakamura in the rapid portion.

Final

			1	2	R1	R2	
HI. NAKAMURA	g	2750	½	½	½	0	1½
W. SO	g	2778	½	½	½	1	2½

I hope you will enjoy my selection of the games and moments from this exciting event in preliminary stage. I hope FIDE comes up with better plans for the future of this event, which has a lot of potential!

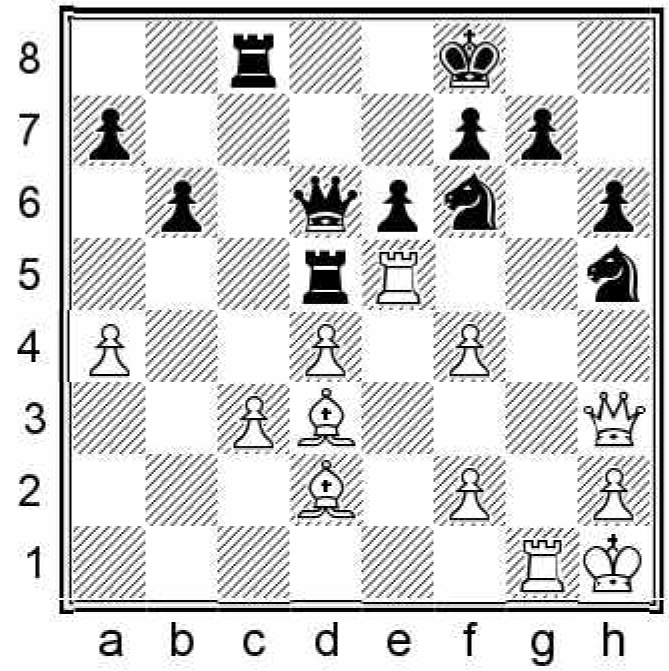
Dubov, Daniil (2711) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2756)
Berlin, 2022



23...♖ac8 The opening phase of this game was rich and promised a nice battle. Here Re5 would have led to some interesting play,

24.♖g2? but Dubov blunders.

24.♖e5 ♖d5 25.a4 ♕d6 26.f4

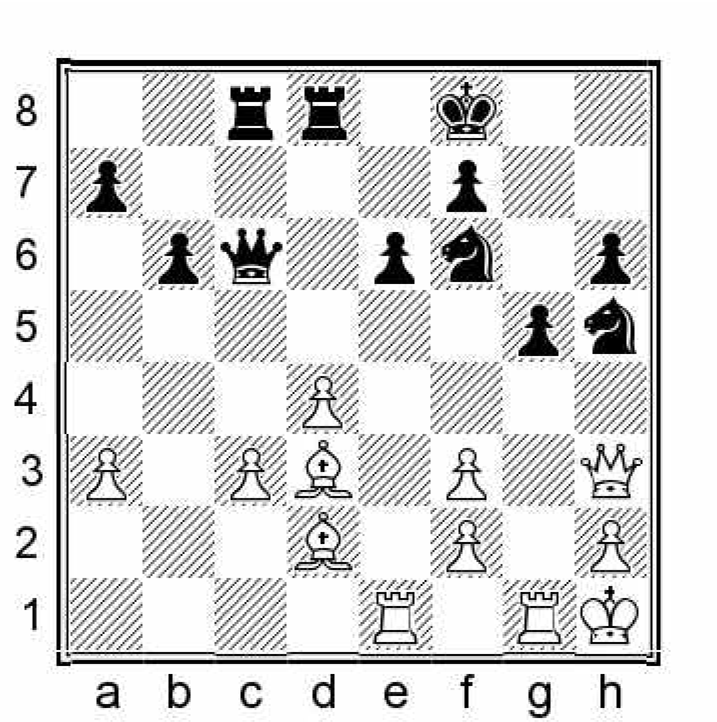


Black is only fine after 26...♖xc3! 27.♗xc3 ♘xf4 28.♕g3 ♘xd3 29.♕xg7+ ♔e7 30.f3 ♕c6 31.♖g6 ♘xe5 32.♕xf6+ ♔d7 33.♖g7 ♕xc3 34.dxe5 ♖d1+ 35.♔g2 ♕c2+ 36.♔h3 ♕f5+ 37.♕xf5 exf5 38.♖xf7+ ♔e6 39.♖xa7= This somewhat forced line would have been a worthy fighting draw to watch!

24...g5?!

24...♕d5! 25.♖eg1 ♕a2!-+ wasn't that obvious because now Rg7 fails to Qd2

25.♖gg1



25...♔e7! Dominguez finds the right plan.

26.♗e4 ♕d6 27.d5 ♔f8?!

27...♘xd5 28.♕xh5 ♘f6 29.♕xh6 ♕xd2-+ was winning.

28.dxe6 ♕xd2 29.e7+ ♔xe7 30.♗f5+ ♔f8 31.♗xc8 ♔g7 Dubov seems to make a comeback but...

32.♗g4? Now it is lost again.

32.♗a6 ♘f4 33.♕f1= would have covered d3.

32...♘f4 33.♕f1 ♕xc3 34.♖e3 ♕c2 35.h4 ♖d2?

35...♖d4 prevents Qc1 because the f2-pawn is hanging.

36.♕c1 ♘d3 37.♕xc2 ♘xf2+ 38.♔g2 ♖xc2 39.♔g3 ♘2xg4 40.fxg4 ♖c4 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.♔h3 ♘d5

Dubov is in clear but: **43.♖f3??** walks into a mating net and after **43...♖c2** It is hopeless now.

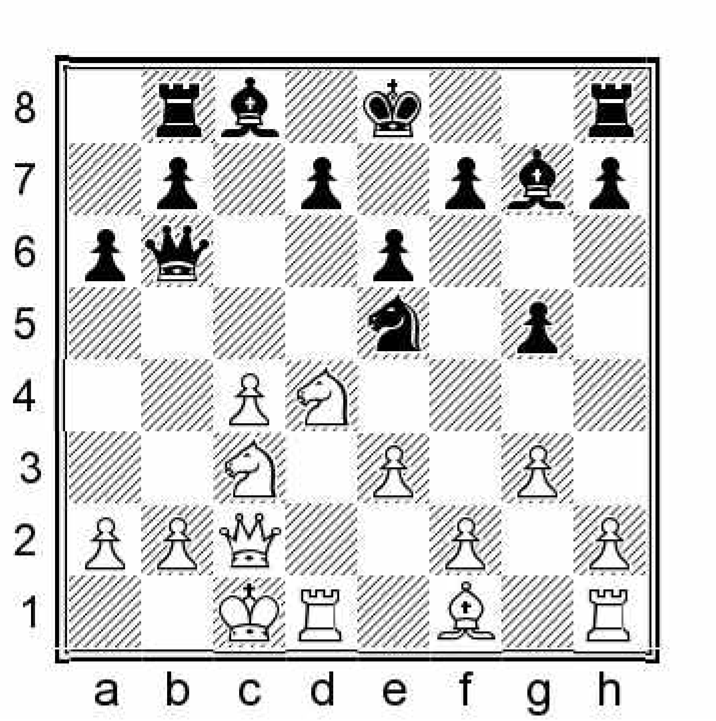
44.♔g3 ♘f4 45.♖xf4 gxf4+ 46.♔xf4 ♖c3 47.♖a1 ♖c4+ 48.♔g5 ♖a4 49.♔h5 ♖a5+ 50.♔h4 ♔g6 51.♖c1 ♖xa3 52.♖c6+ f6 0-1

A33
Predke, Alexandr (2682) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2761)
Berlin, 2022

1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.g3 ♕b6 7.♘db5 ♘e5 8.♗f4 ♘fg4 9.e3 a6 10.♕a4 g5

10...♖a7!? seems like an easier try. 11.h3 axb5 12.♕xb5 ♕c6 13.hxg4 ♘d3+ 14.♗xd3 ♕xh1+ 15.♗f1 ♕c6=∞ Gagliardi, Virgilio - Sardella,Antonio, corr 2016

11.♗xe5 ♘xe5 12.O-O-O ♖b8 13.♘d4 ♗g7 14.♕c2



14...O-O? This makes no sense. I wonder what did Vachier-Lagrave miss.

14...♕c7 15.♘e4 b6 16.f4⇄

15.g4! A well known concept, as White opens the h-file by force.

15...♘xg4? Black succumbs to his fate this way.

Good or bad - Black had to try 15...d5

16.h4 gxh4 17.♖xh4 f5 18.♗e2 ♘f6 19.e4

19.♘d5! would have been a crushing winning move after 19...♕d8 (19...exd5 20.♘xf5 ♖f7 21.♖g1 ♔h8 22.♘xg7 ♖xg7 23.♖xg7 ♔xg7 24.♕f5+-; 19...♘xd5 20.cxd5 d6 21.♗c4 e5 22.♘e6+-) 20.♘f4 ♕e7 21.♖g1 b5 22.♖h3± and Kh8 is impossible. Black is busted.

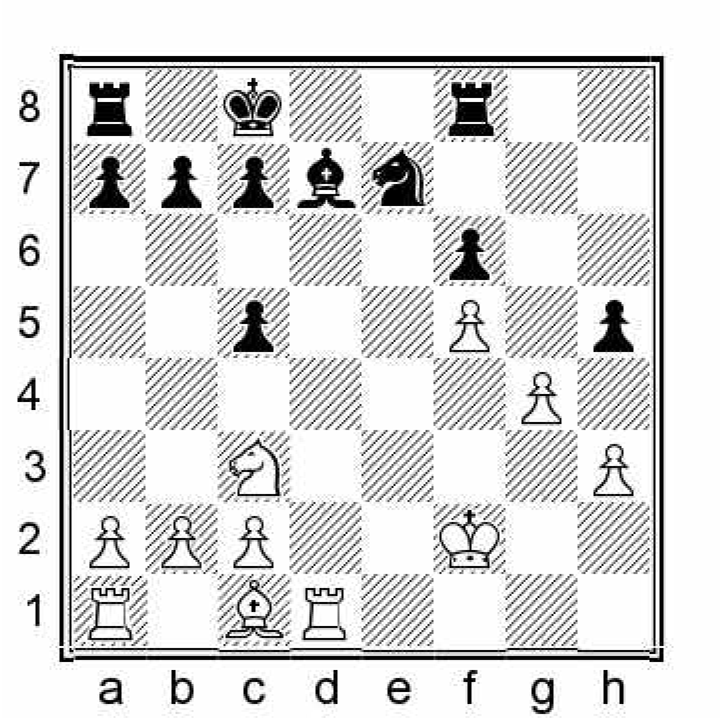
19...♘xe4 20.♘xe4 ♗xd4 21.♖g1+ ♔f7 22.c5 ♕b4 23.a3 1-0

C67
Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2761) - Shankland, Samuel L (2704)
Berlin, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.h3 ♗d7 10.♖d1 ♔c8 11.g4 ♘e7 12.♘g5 ♗e8 13.f4 f5

13...c5 Giri,Anish 2780 - Radjabov,Teimour 2765, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021 - 148/118

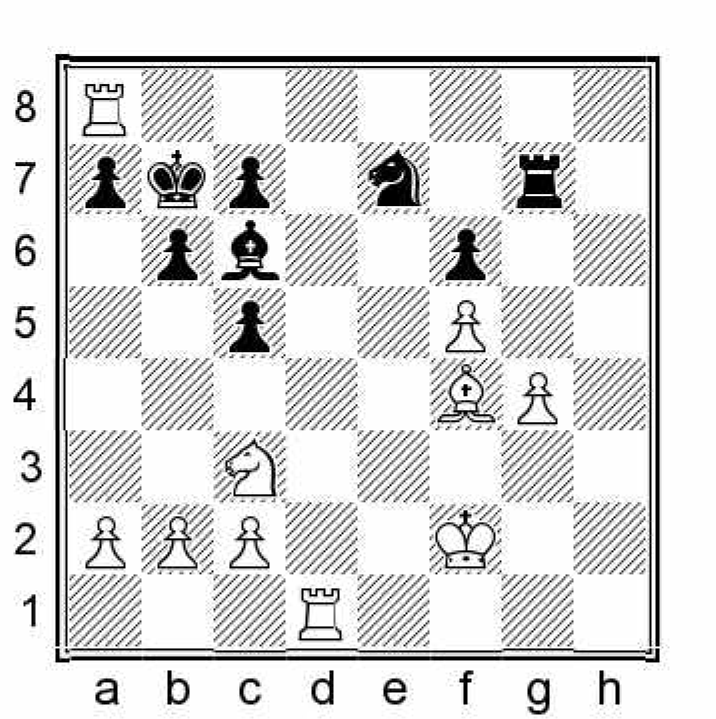
14.exf6 gxf6 15.♘e6 ♗d7 16.♘xf8 ♖xf8 17.f5 h5 18.♔f2 c5 19.♘c3 In a topical line Shankland unleashes an important, yet well known novelty.



19...b6!N

19...♗c6 20.♖e1 ♖f7 21.♘e4 hxg4 22.hxg4 b6 23.b3 ♘g8 (23...♔b7 24.♗b2 ♘g8 25.♔g3 ♖af8 26.♖ad1 ♖g7 27.♔f4 ♖h7 28.♖d2 (28.♖e2 ♖h3 29.♖dd2±) 28...♖h3 29.♖de2 ♖f7 30.♖e3 ♖h4 31.♔g3 ♖hh7 32.♘f2 a5 33.♖e6 ♗d7 34.♖6e2 ♗c6 35.♘d3 ♘h6 (35...♖fg7? 36.♘f4± Caruana, Fabiano 2839 - Howell,David 2667, London (rapid) 2014) 36.♘f2 ♖fg7 37.♗xf6 ♘xf5+ 38.♔f4±) 24.♗b2 ♘h6=

20.♗f4 ♖f7 21.♖d3 hxg4 22.hxg4 ♖g7 23.♖ad1 ♗c6 24.♖d8+ ♔b7 25.♖xa8

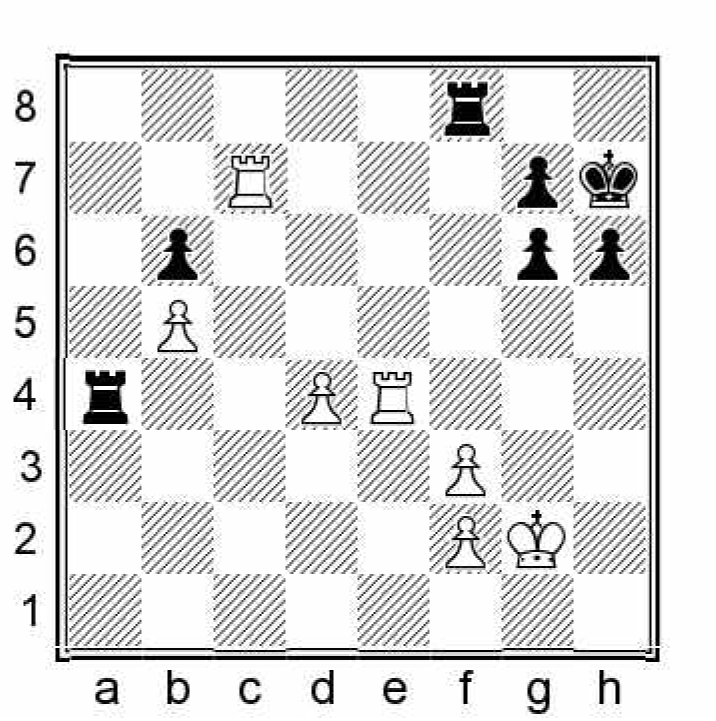


25...♖xg4! The equalizing move. The players know what they are doing even for moves far after this moment!

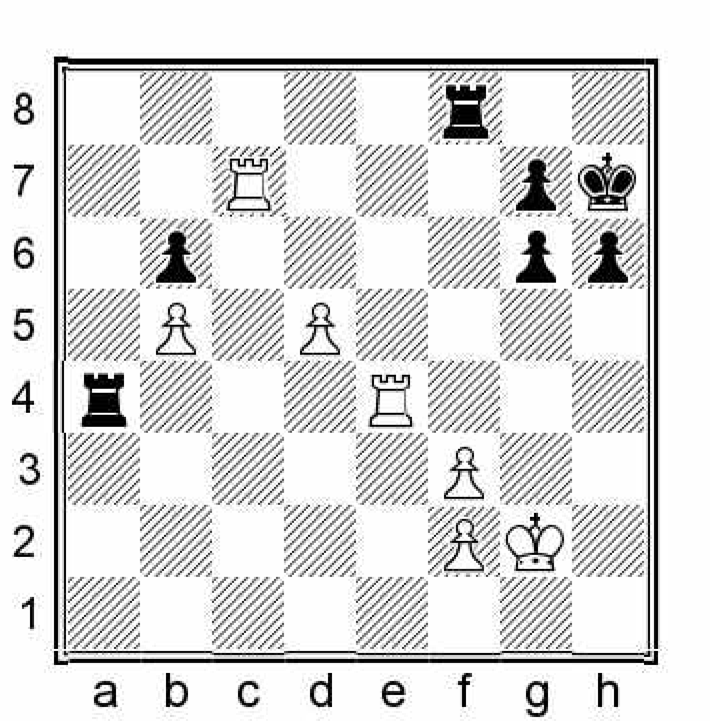
26.♖dd8 ♖xf4+ 27.♔e1 ♘xf5 28.♖ab8+ ♔a6 29.♘e2 ♖e4 30.♔d2 ♘d6 31.b3 ♖h4 32.♖h8 ♖xh8 33.♖xh8 ♔b7 Black has a fortress. Draw is the inevitable outcome.

34.♘f4 a5 35.♖h7 ♔c8 36.♖h8+ 1/2-1/2

Nakamura, Hikaru (2750) - Aronian, Levon (2785)
Berlin, 2022



34.d5 The defining moment for Nakamura. In time pressure Aronian misses a chance of drawing this complex rook ending, thus allowing Nakamura to join the pursue for qualifying in the group stage!



34...♖aa8?? Losing move.

34...♖a3! Rook must always stay behind the pawn! 35.♖ee7 ♖g8 36.d6 ♖d3 37.d7 ♖d8 38.f4 h5 39.♔f1 ♖d6 40.♔e2 ♔h6 41.♔f3 ♖d1= and White cannot make any progress. It is a well known fact about double rook endings that it is always good to have one rook active and the other one passive when one side is in defensive mode.

35.♖ee7 h5 36.d6 ♖f5 37.♖xg7+ ♔h6 38.♖h7+ ♔g5 39.d7 Now it is all over.

39...♖d5 40.f4+ ♔h4 41.♖g7 ♖a4 42.♖c8 ♖ad4 43.♖xg6 ♖xd7 44.♖c1 ♖d1 45.♖xd1 ♖xd1 46.♖xb6 ♔g4 47.♖b8 ♔xf4 48.b6 ♖d7 49.♖f8+ ♔e4 50.♖f3 1-0

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C54
Giri, Anish (2771) - Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2623)
Berlin, 2022

Amin Tabatabaei proved to be the sensation in this group. His wins over Vitiugov and Giri put him in the pole position. Giri, desperate for a win in this game, succumbed to the accurate play of the young Iranian player.

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.O-O O-O 6.♘bd2 d6 7.c3 a6 8.b4 ♗a7 9.a4 ♘e7 10.♖e1 ♘g6 11.d4

11.h3 h6 and White does not have anything stronger than playing 12.d4

11...♖e8 12.h3 h6 13.♗d3 So far according to the theory.

13...c6 14.♖a3 Maybe Giri counts that ed4 - cd4 will happen at some point. But, what if does not happen?

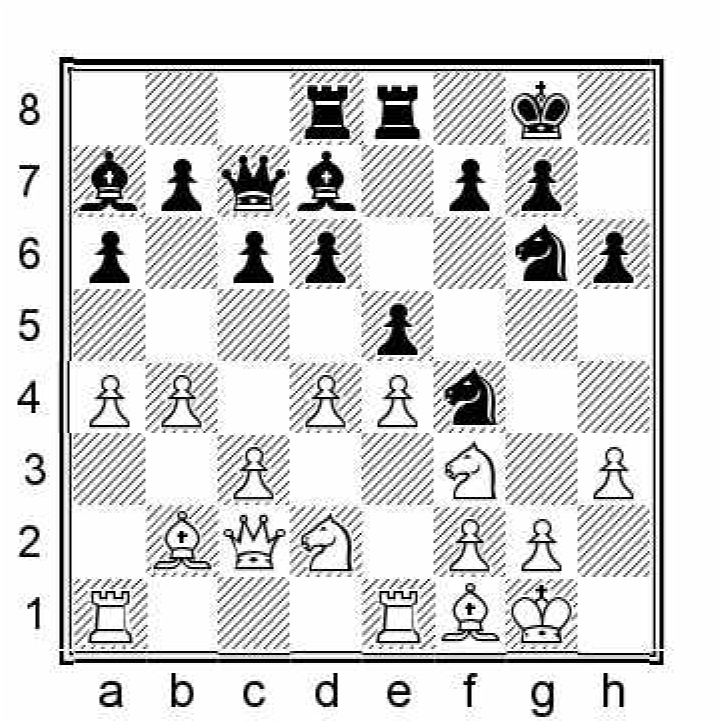
14.♕c2 Simple and seems to have been tested in correspondence chess. 14...♗e6 15.♗f1 ♘h5 16.♗b2 ♕d7!? (16...♘hf4 17.c4 seems more appealing. Although this line is not forced by any means. (17.♔h2)) 17.c4 ♘hf4 18.♖e3 ♖ad8 19.b5 (19.c5 is a move worth testing.) 19...♕e7 20.♖b3 ♗xd4 21.♘xd4 exd4 22.♗xd4 axb5 23.axb5 ♘e5 24.♗b2 c5 25.♘f3 g5 26.♖c1 ♖a8 27.♕d1 ♖ed8 28.♖c2

♔h7 29.♖bc3 ♖g8 30.♔h1 ♘fg6 31.g3 ♘xf3 32.♖xf3 ♘e5 33.♖e3 ♖a4 34.♖d2 ♖a2 35.♕b3 ♖aa8 36.♖c3 ♖g6 37.♕d1 h5 38.♖cc2 ♖ag8 39.f3 1/2 : 1/2 Tsitsulin,Anton - Markus,Roland, corr 2019/20

14.♗c2 a5 (or 14...d5) 15.bxa5 (15.b5 ♕c7 16.♖a3 ♖b8 17.♗d3 ♗e6 18.♘f1 ♖bd8 19.♗d2 1/2 : 1/2 Matozo,Paulo Adriano - Burmeister, Ferdinand, corr 2018) 15...♕xa5 16.♖b1 b5 17.axb5 cxb5 18.♗d3 ♕xc3 19.♗xb5 ♗d7 20.♗xd7 ♘xd7 21.♗b2 ♕c7 22.♘f1 ♖ab8 23.♘g3 ♖b6 24.♕a4 ♖eb8 25.♖bc1 ♕b7 26.♗a1 ♘f4 27.♕d1 ♕a6 28.♖e3 ♕a2 29.♖e1 ♕a6 30.♖e3 ♕a2 31.♖e1 ♕a6 1/2 : 1/2 Williamson,Harvey - Dijon,Jean Michel, corr 2018

14...♕c7 15.♗b2 ♗d7 16.♕c2 ♖ad8 17.♖aa1 Black's pieces are ready and Tabatabaei goes for the classical plan.

17...♘h5 18.♗f1 ♘hf4



19.h4? That is just loses by force.

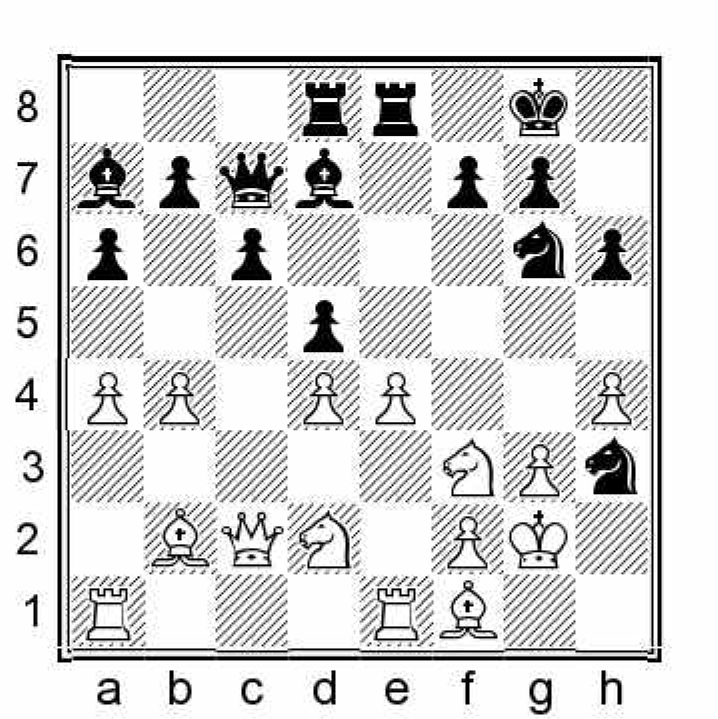
19.c4! c5 20.bxc5 exd4 21.c6 ♗xc6 22.♘xd4 ♘e5⇄

Black has a better presence in the centre and wins with **19...d5! 20.g3**

20.c4 dxe4 21.♘xe5 (21.♖xe4 ♗f5-+; 21.♘xe4 f5-+) 21...♘xe5 22.dxe5 e3 23.fxe3 ♘g6 24.♘f3 a5 25.b5 ♗g4-+ White's structure is on the verge of collapse.

20...♘h3+ 21.♔g2 exd4! Beginning of a beautiful piece sacrifice.

22.cxd4



22...♘gf4+! 23.gxf4 ♕xf4 24.e5 ♗f5 25.♕c3 ♖e6 Bringing the dudes to the party.

26.♕e3 ♖g6+ 27.♔h1 ♕g4 28.♖a3 This rook came to a3, went back to a1, and now is back here!

28...f6 29.exf6 gxf6 30.h5 ♖g7 - and mate along the g-file after Bb8 is inevitable. The final phase by Black was flawless! **0-1**

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Anish Giri vs Mohammad Amin Tabatabaei, Berlin 2022; Photo by World Chess

E20
Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2623) - So, Wesley (2778)
Berlin (m/2-playoff), 2022

Wesley cruised in game one and he seemed very well on his way to win the match but then something curious happened.

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 O-O 5.a3 Unsound for the prudent eye of an engine but Tabatabaei needs a fight!

5...♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.g3 b6 8.♗g2 ♗b7 9.d5

9.O-O ♗e4 (9...d6 10.d5 transposes to the game.) 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.♗g5 h6 12.♗xf6 ♕xf6 13.♕d6 ♘c6 14.♕xc5 ♕xc3 15.♖ac1 ♕b2 16.♕e3 d5=

9...d6

9...♖e8 Maybe, this was more testing. 10.♘h4 (10.♗g5 h6; 10.O-O exd5 11.♘h4 ♘e4) 10...exd5 11.cxd5 ♗a6 12.♗f3 d6 13.O-O ♘bd7 14.♖e1 ♗c8 15.♗f4 ♘e5 16.♗g2 h6 17.♗xe5 ♖xe5 18.♘f3 ♖e8 19.♘d2 b5⇄

10.O-O ♕e7

10...♕c7 11.e4 ♘xe4 12.♖e1 exd5 13.♘h4 ♘d7 14.♘f5 ♘e5 15.cxd5 ♘f6 16.♗g5=∞ gives White a nice compensation, but engines evaluate this line better than the more human 10... Qe7

11.♘h4 ♘bd7 12.♖e1?! Slow.

12.f4 g6 13.dxe6 ♗xg2 14.exf7+ ♕xf7 15.♘xg2 ♕xc4 16.♘e3⇄ would have again yield enough complications sought by Tabatabaei.

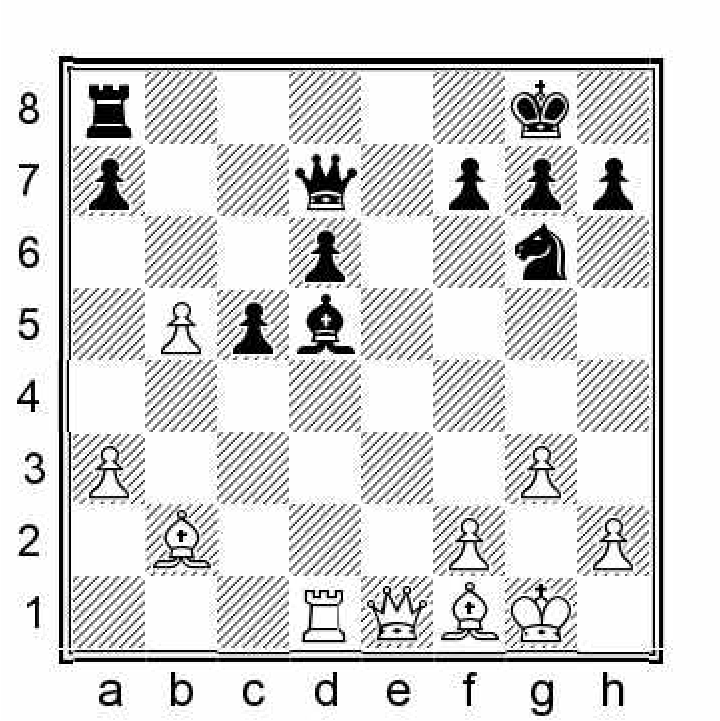
12...♘e5 13.e4 ♘xc4 14.♗f1 ♘e5

14...b5 was much simpler.

15.c4 ♘g6 16.♘g2 b5 17.cxb5 exd5 18.exd5 ♕d7 19.♘e3 ♖fe8?! A bit slow.

19...♘e7 20.♗c4 ♖fe8 forces Ned5, in view of which, White must play Rf1

20.♗b2 ♘xd5 21.♘xd5 ♖xe1 22.♕xe1 ♗xd5 23.♖d1

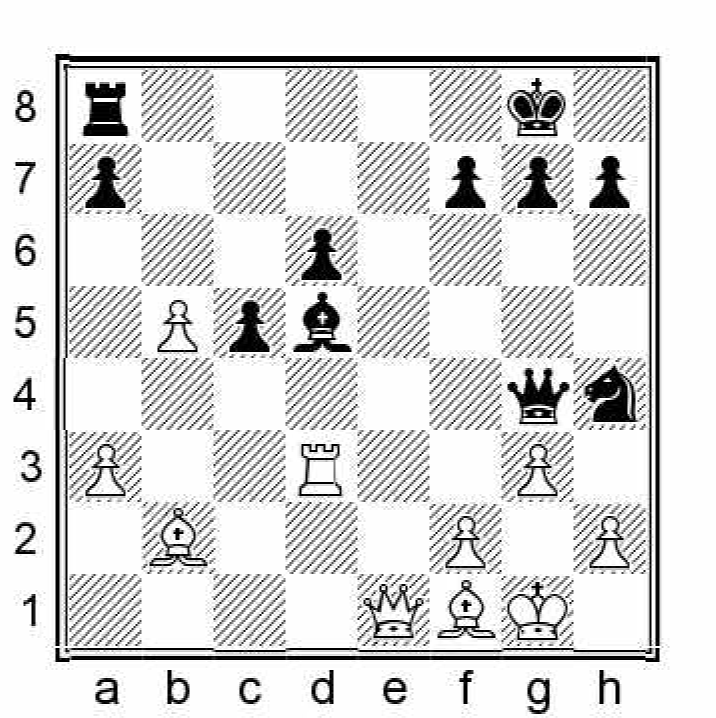


23...♘h4?? At first, both players thought Black is winning here. It turns out just to be a blunder.

23...♕e6 24.♕c3 ♘e5 25.f4 ♘f3+ 26.♔f2 ♘d4 would have kept things in place for Black.

24.♖d3! ♕g4

24...♘f3+ 25.♖xf3 ♗xf3 26.♕c3+-



25.♕c3! By playing only moves, Tabatabaei ends up winning!

25...♗e4 The only move that maintains material equality but does not save the game.

25...♘f3+ 26.♖xf3+-

26.♗e2! ♕g5 27.♖xd6 ♘f5 28.♕e5 ♕e7 29.♕xe7 ♘xe7 30.a4 White's two bishops and the eventual queenside passed pawn will prove to be too much. Black has no trick to play and Wesley So sees no point to continue. **1-0**

C67
So, Wesley (2778) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2750)
Berlin (m/4-playoff-rapid), 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1

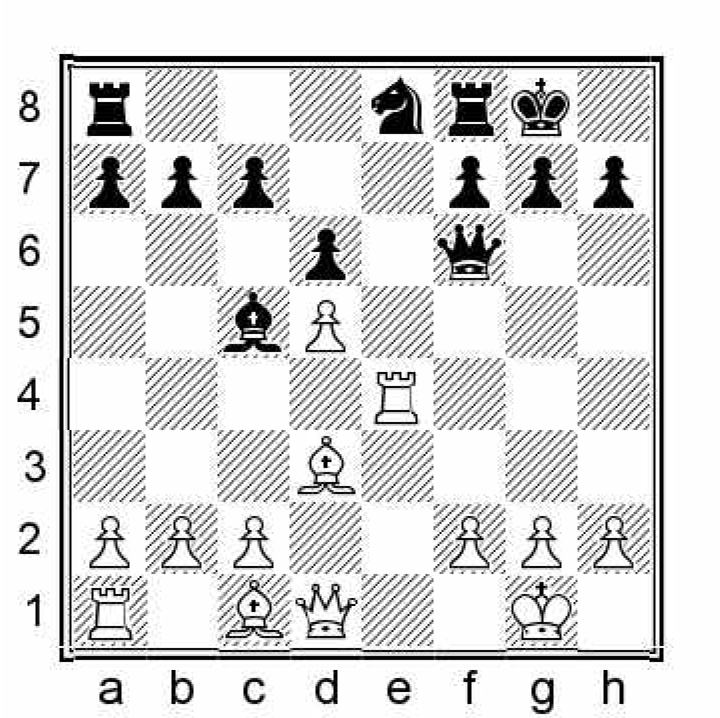
This seemingly benign line is now the hottest response to Berlin Defence at the highest level!

5...♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♘e8 10.d5 ♗c5 11.♖e1 d6 12.♘c3 ♗f5

12...f5 is less convincing. 13.h3 ♕h4 14.♗e3 ♗xe3 15.♖xe3 ♘f6 16.♘b5 ♖f7 17.♖c3 ♘e4 18.♕d4 ♕d8 19.♖a3± and Black has unresolved issues on the queenside.

13.♗d3 ♗xd3

13...♕f6 This seems more natural. But it concedes two bishops, something Nakamura does not like to do. 14.♘e4!? is an interesting pawn sacrifice. 14...♗xe4 15.♖xe4



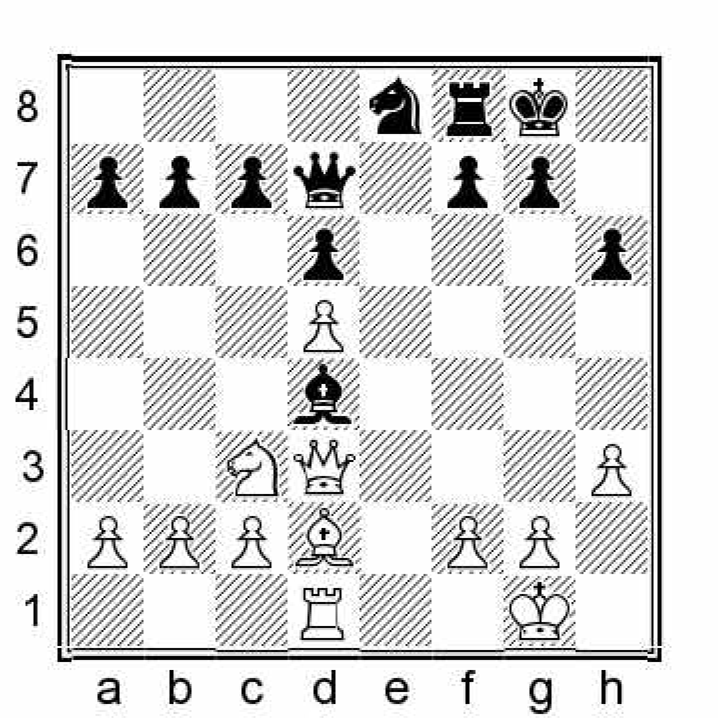
15...♕xf2+ (15...g6 16.♕e1 ♕h8 Engines like this move because it prevents Rh4. (16...♕g7?! 17.♖h4 ♕e5 18.♕xe5 dxe5 19.♗h6 ♘g7 20.♖e1± Robson,Ray 2681 - Shankland,Samuel 2709, USA (m/3-rapid) 2022) 17.♖h4 ♘f6) 16.♔h1 ♕f6 17.c3! This strong move by Shevchenko is probably going to form the future of this opening. (17.♖f4 This correspondence game is important but too dull. 17...♕e5 18.♗d2 g6 (18...♕xb2 This seems bad after 19.c3) 19.♕f3 ♘g7 20.♗c3 ♕e3 21.♕g4 f5 22.♕h4 ♘h5 23.♖f3 ♕h6 24.♖e1 ♖ae8 25.♖xe8 ♖xe8 - after this White could keep the game going with 26.g4 fxg4 27.♕xg4 ♘g7 (Cordes,Tim - Ramos,Francis, corr 2021/22) 28.♕d7 ♖f8= And White does not get more than perpetual.) 17...g6 18.a4!? a6 19.♗h6 ♘g7 All moves liked by engines! And after 20.♕e2 ♕d8 21.♖f1 ♖e8 22.♕f3 ♕d7 23.♖h4↑ Shevchenko,Kirill 2647 - Parligras, Mircea-Emilian 2576, Terme Catez 2021 - 150/118, with annoying initiative.

14.♕xd3 ♘f6 15.h3 h6 16.♗d2 White is slightly better thanks to his extra space obtained by the d5-pawn.

16...♕d7 17.♕f3?!

17.♘e2 ♖fe8 18.♘g3 would have added to White's advantage.

17...♗d4 18.♖ad1 ♖ae8 19.♖xe8 ♘xe8 20.♕d3



20...♗b6?! Bishop needs to go to e5 and Black needs to keep an eye on his kingside. This position is far more dangerous than it seems.

20...♗e5

21.♖e1?! letting go of a promising advantage.

21.♘e2 ♘f6 22.♗c3 ♕d8 23.a4 a6 24.a5 ♗a7 25.♘g3± Engines find this almost winning for White!

21...♘f6 22.♘e4 ♕f5 23.g4 ♕g6 24.♗c3 ♘d7 25.♘g3 ♕xd3 26.cxd3

The position is equal but it is one of those equal positions that it is hard to hold in a rapid game.

26...g6?! Not losing but this begins a series of inaccuracies on Nakamura's part.

26...♘e5

27.♔g2 ♘e5 28.♖d1 ♖e8?! losing a tempo

28...♘d7=

29.♘e4 ♔f8?!

29...♘d7!?

Now Black is losing after **30.♘f6 ♖e7 31.a4 a5 32.h4**

Black is totally tied down. None of his pieces have a decent move.

32...c6? Final losing blunder. Leaving the b6-bishop undefended.

⌓32...g5; 32...♘d7

33.♗xe5 dxe5 34.d6+- ♖e6 35.♘d7+ ♔g7 36.♘xb6 ♖xd6 37.♘c4 ♖d4 38.f3 ♔f6 39.b3 b5 40.axb5

cxb5 41.♘xa5 h5 42.gxh5 gxh5 43.♔g3 ♖d6 44.b4 ♔f5 45.♘b3 ♖g6+ 46.♔f2 ♖a6 47.♘a5 ♖d6 48.♔e3 ♖d4 49.♘c6 ♖xh4 50.d4 exd4+ 51.♖xd4 ♖h1 52.♖d5+ ♔g6 53.♖xb5 h4 54.♘e5+ ♔g7 55.♔f4 ♖g1 56.♘g4 h3 57.♖g5+ ♔f8 58.♖h5 ♔g7 59.b5 ♖b1 60.♖g5+ ♔h7 61.♘f6+ ♔h6 62.♘g4+ ♔h7 63.♔g3 ♖b3 64.♖f5 ♔g6 65.♖f6+ ♔g5 1-0

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DEVILRY IN DAVENTRY

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- **Country:** England
- **Born:** 1976
- **Rating:** 2470
- **Peak rating:** 2573
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2005

Daventry, a small market town in Northampton in England, isn't a likely hotbed of chess but thats where I seem to spend all my time these days. The Easter congress was first up and on the tournament list I was down as provisional third seed, something that I reacted to with frustration. It was a FIDE rated tournament and I was the top player on FIDE ratings and had been for years. The reason they chose to use National ratings rather than FIDE ratings to rank the field was a convoluted one, but basically boiled down to grossly underrated players getting into some of the lower tournaments and clearing up the prize money. What this had to do with the open, I had no idea. In my view it is high time for a universal rating system and get rid of national ratings altogether, which just confuse the issue.

It was a wise idea to travel down the night before and having already spent many days in the hotel due to this being the normal venue for 4NCL weekends, and having a lot of time on my hands, I decided to walk into town which was about half an hour away by foot. It was a pleasant evening although I had no idea where the town center was, so had to ask this group of girls who looked they'd just come out of the gym. Up to the right, one of them told me.

So I took in the Italian place. As usual in a busy restaurant when you are there alone, I was mainly ignored by the staff who seemed to want me out as quickly as possible. No matter, as it was a pleasant enough meal and an enchanting evening. The weather was warming up, always a good sign for me. I always seem to play that bit better when the sun is shining.

Many seem to labour under the delusion that chess grandmasters spend all of their time studying chess. I wish this were true. Of course 5-6 hours are the minimum hours that a chess professional should spend a day on chess. Why else are you doing chess for a living at all? But the sad reality is that in my experience, most chess grandmasters do very little chess study at all, and seem to treat chess as an excuse to avoid working for a living. Those who do work hard tend to stand out and have much higher ratings.

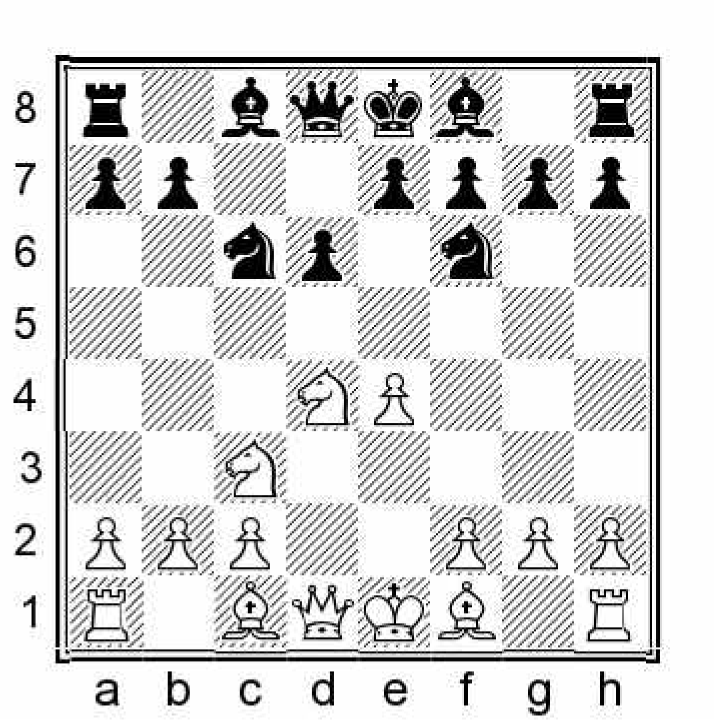
Fed up with my mediocre results lately where I have shed ratings points to players I really should be beating, before this tournament I had put some hours in. The work I had done for Simon K. Williams site G-Chess also gave me a nice option of playing the Richter-Rauzer. This really paid off as both in the tournament itself and the 4NCL weekend some time later, I had two crushing wins.

DAVENTRY, IV 2022
The 2nd 4NCL Easter Congress
(54 players, 7 rounds)

1–2. Mark HEBDEN, Daniel GORMALLY 6, 3. Yichen HAN 5½, 4. Ieysaa BIN-SUHAYL 5, 5–14. Keith ARKELL, Max TURNER, Roland BEZUIDENHOUT, Ian THOMPSON, Jacob Connor BOSWELL, Peter FINN, Simon WILKS, Russell JAMES, David IRELAND, Frederick GORDON 4½, etc.

B62
Han, Yichen (2303) - Gormally, Daniel (2471)
Daventry, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6

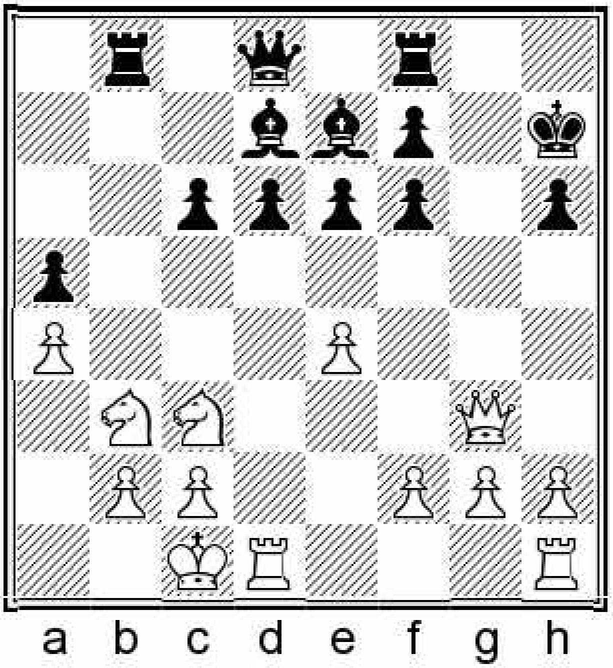


6.♗b5 A slight surprise, but I had covered this on G-chess as well. In my short check before the game though I hadn't bothered to cover it, and my failing memory was struggling to remember the details.

My opponent had dallied with 6.h4!? and claimed in the post-mortem that the only reasonable reply was 6...g6 which seemed hard to believe. Is Black already in only-move territory here? But, I was impressed that he went so deep with his preparation that he already regarded this position as rather critical. Most chess players these days just pump moves out and hope for the best. 7.♗e2 ♗g7 8.♗e3 h5∞ just seems to lead to an unclear position.

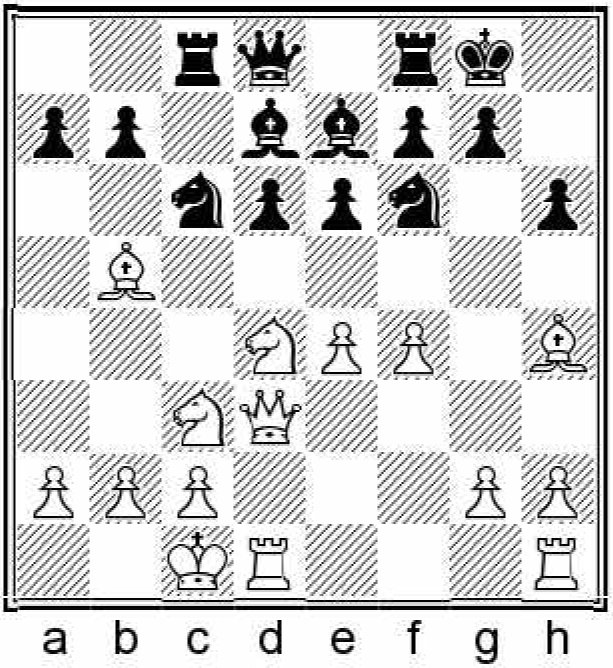
6...♗d7 7.♕d3 e6 8.♗g5 ♗e7 9.O-O-O h6 10.♗h4 O-O 11.f4

11.♗xc6! Engines love this move and this line in general. They are not bothered about the fact that the b-file is now open as they don't see mate there. White can prevent the mate fairly easily and now has a direct plan of attacking d6. 11...bxc6 12.♘b3 d5 (12...a5 13.♗xf6 gxf6 14.a4 ♖b8 runs into a powerful resource in 15.♕g3+ ♔h7



16.♖xd6! ♖g8 17.♕d3 ♗xd6 18.♕xd6 ♗e8 19.♕xd8 ♖xd8 20.g3± when Black is under some positional pressure.) 13.e5 ♘e8 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♕d4± White has something of a bind.

11...♖c8



12.♘f3? This is a very serious mistake. This game was played in round six and I already had 5/5. A win would assure me of at worse tied first.

My opponent though had 4½/5, so a win would turn the tables. Winning this tournament would be a big early scalp in his very promising young career.

I think we were both a bit nervous and this is the first indication that is exactly what is happening here. Nf3 is a careless move that allows an immediately decisive counter-attack.

12.♗xc6 ♗xc6 13.g4!? was interesting, giving a pawn to open the g-file. (13.♖hg1!? simply planning g4, was also possible. I think this was mentioned in Michael Adams' column in the Saturday Telegraph where this game was given.) 13...♘xg4 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♖hg1 ♘f6 16.♕g3⩱

12...♘b4! 13.♕e2

13.♕d4 ♘xa2+ 14.♘xa2 ♗xb5-+ is just a free extra pawn for Black while still retaining attacking chances.

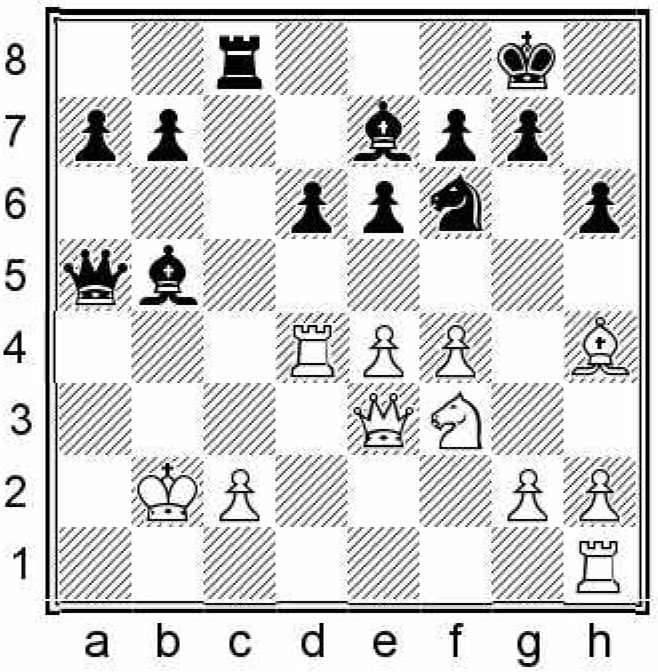
13...♖xc3! A very easy move for Sicilian players to make, and in fact just winning.

14.bxc3 ♘xa2+ 15.♔b2 ♘xc3! 16.♔xc3 ♕a5+ 17.♔b2 ♕b4+ 18.♔c1 ♕a3+ 19.♔b1 ♕b4+ 20.♔c1 ♗xb5

20...♕a3+? I think if this had been the last round I might have considered repeating here, if it ensured tournament victory. But in truth with such an overwhelming position it would have been rather daft to take a draw here. 21.♔b1=

21.♕e3 ♖c8 Natural moves finish the job.

22.♖d4 ♕a5 23.♔b2



23...d5 This was where my work on this line was paying off. I recalled these old games of Kramnik where he went for this break in the Rauzer and finish his opponents quickly.

24.e5

24.exd5 ♗b4! is also hopeless for White. 25.♖xb4 ♕xb4+ 26.♕b3 ♖xc2+-+

24...♗b4 25.♗e1 ♖xc2+

25...♖xc2+ 26.♔xc2 ♕a2+ 27.♔c1 ♕a1+ 28.♔c2 ♗a4+ 29.♔d3 ♕d1+ 30.♕d2 ♗c2+ 31.♔e3 ♘g4# Would have been an elegant finish.

0-1

Hotel Mercure, Daventry

The next game was played in the 4NCL weekend, in the same location as the 4NCL tournament which was the Mercure hotel Daventry, and in the Countryman pub the night before while quaffing expensive cocktails and polishing off the delicious panna cotta that was served for dessert, I suggested to my team that we switch board orders.

We had become too predictable I reasoned. I always played on board one, and the other teams could prepare for me too easily. Besides they had a kid named Tarun on board two, who I had lost to the previous season. So from a psychological pespective it made sense to play against someone I didn't have a losing record against, even if this meant playing three blacks in a row.

Anyway I didn't mind about the colours. I never get why people complain about this. I always like playing with the black pieces as I feel like the pressure is on my opponent and if you are a good counter-attacking player, as in my best moments I like to think that I am, you generally get chances to win.

B59
Sarakauskas, Gediminas (2425) - Gormally, Daniel (2471)
Great Britain, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗e2 Not the most testing way to meet the Classic Sicilian.

6.♗g5 is the Richter-Rauzer, or as Arnie says in Total Recall, "See you at the party Richter!" Just as he flings Michael Ironside's severed arms off the lift.

This, or Bc4, have long been considered the most critical ways to meet this opening. The problem with Be2 and other avoidance systems, is that Black often gets a good version of the Najdorf, not having to bother with the move ...a6.

6...e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7

Perhaps the immediate 7...a5 was more resolute, inviting him to insert a4 in response, and only then playing ...Be7. 8.a4 ♗e7 9.O-O O-O 10.♗e3 ♘b4= Black intends to play ...Be6 and ...d5, or the immediate ...d5.

8.g4!? My opponent played this aggressively and firmly and almost banged the clock. Disturbed and with my ego shaken, I responded just as quickly.

8...h6 9.h4

9.♗e3 worried me more in the game. The following plan concerned me: White prevents the ...d5 break with Bf3, perhaps followed by Rg1 and h4, and then castles with Qd2 and 0-0-0. It seemed to me that any more inaccurate moves, and I could easily come under heavy pressure. 9...♗e6 10.♗f3 a5 11.♘d5 (11.a4 ♘b4 is easy for Black who intends to play ...d5.) 11...O-O∓ is in fact fine for Black according to the engine, which already starts to favour the black pieces. Maybe this whole way of playing with Be2 and g4 is just too risky.

9...♗e6 10.g5

10.♖g1 d5! of course.

10...hxg5 11.♗xg5 This felt a bit strange to me - that he was switching plans. I thought the idea had been to play the Rook to g1 and play g5, so that you can take back with the h-pawn. On the plus side for White, he is ready to quickly castle queenside and if he manages that, the black king could be stuck in no-mans land. With the g-file already open then castling Kingside looks rather ropey.

11...a5 12.♗b5

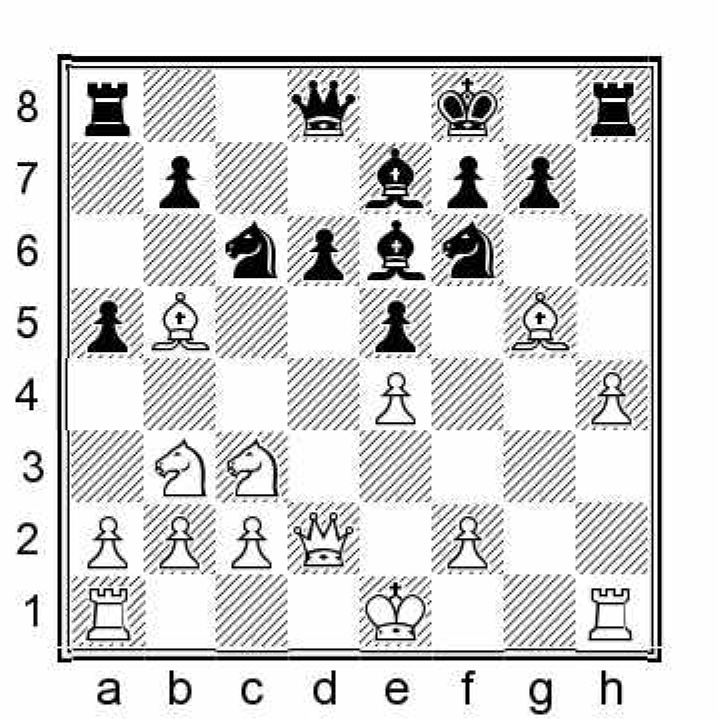
My opponent was obviously reluctant to play 12.a4 because 12...♘b4 intending ...d5, is such an obvious and good reply.

12...♔f8! Now Black is ready with the counterplay, so it was really time to start thinking about shutting down the queenside.

13.♕d2?

13.a4 ♖c8∓ already Black has everything you could ask for from the opening.

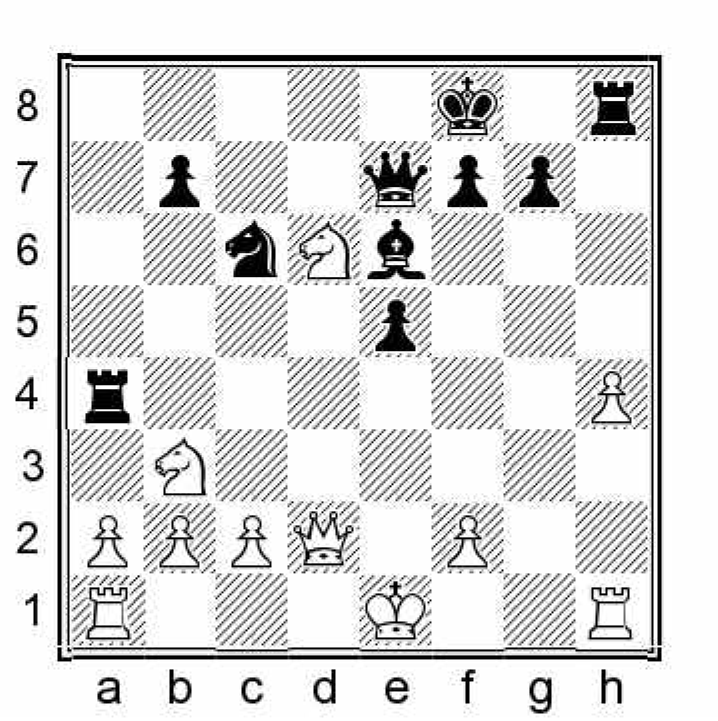
White's position is "tough to play" as Nakamura might say. 13.♕d3 ♘b4 14.♕e2 a4 15.♗xa4 d5∓ remains scary for White.



13...a4!

White is now in big trouble, and a simple tactical operation grabs Black the advantage **14.♗xa4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 ♖xa4 16.♘g3** A sad admission, played after plenty of thought. Already I had the sense from his body language that he had given up on the game. That was the problem when you advanced your pawns forward so readily in the opening, I reasoned. If the attack doesn't come off you are more often than not just riddled with weaknesses.

16.♗xe7+ ♕xe7 17.♘xd6

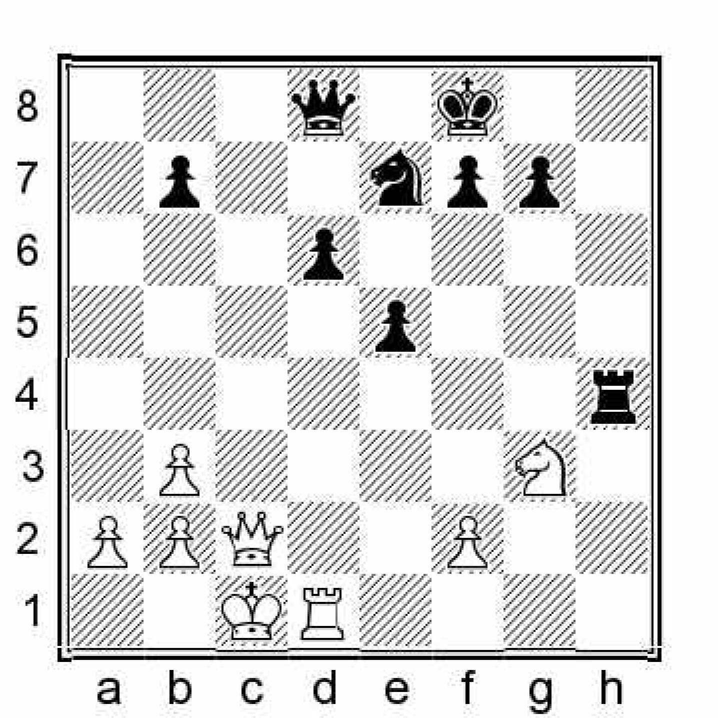


17...♘d4! trapping the knight on d6, is possibly what my opponent missed.

16...♗xb3?!

I had seen that 16...f6! 17.♗e3 ♖axh4 18.♖xh4 ♖xh4 would give Black an overwhelming advantage. Two bishops, extra pawn, better pawn structure, easy play. What more could you want? I'm still not sure why I didn't play this, to be honest. I guess I was impatient and just wanted to win with direct play. 19.O-O-O ♕a8 20.♔b1 ♕a4-+

17.cxb3 ♖d4 18.♗xe7+ ♘xe7 19.♕c2 ♖dxh4 20.♖xh4 ♖xh4 21.O-O-O

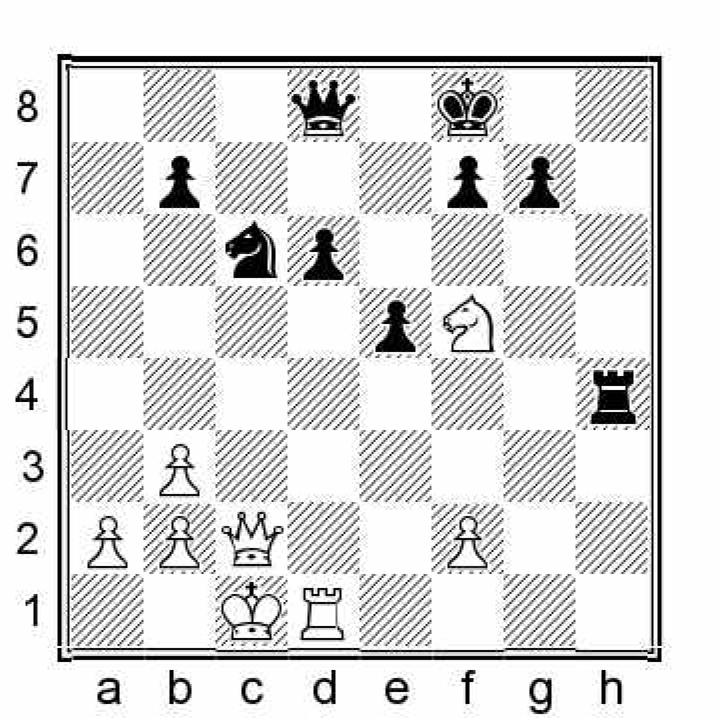


21...♘c6! At last a sign that I am thinking clearly. It would be easy to continue the lazy theme and allow my opponent to slowly get back into it. This is the move that Black wants to play as the game will be won very easily if the knight reaches d4, so you just have to back it up with calculation.

21...g6 22.♕d2 d5 23.♕g5 ♕c7+ 24.♔b1 is a line that worried me and why I turned back to ...Nc6. White is probably still in trouble objectively, but is starting to create annoying counterplay.

22.♔b1

At first I dismissed this line due to the annoying reply 22.♘f5 but this is where the calculation training was coming in useful. Thinking a little bit deeper, I realized there was a twist here.



22...♘b4! just wins for Black. 23.♕b1 (23.♕d2 ♕c8+ picks up the knight.; 23.♖xd6 ♕g5+ 24.f4 ♕xf4+ 25.♔d1 ♖h1+ 26.♔e2 ♖h2+ 27.♔e1 ♘xc2+ with mate.; 23.♕c3 ♘xa2+-+) 23...♕c8+ 24.♔d2 ♖f4 25.♘xd6 ♕c5-+

22...g6 23.♘e4 ♘d4 24.♕d3 ♕d7 25.a3 ♖f4 Tightening the grip. Sometimes winning positions can be just about improving your pieces, not rushing it, relying on the opponent collapsing of his own accord, which fortunately in the game is exactly what happened.

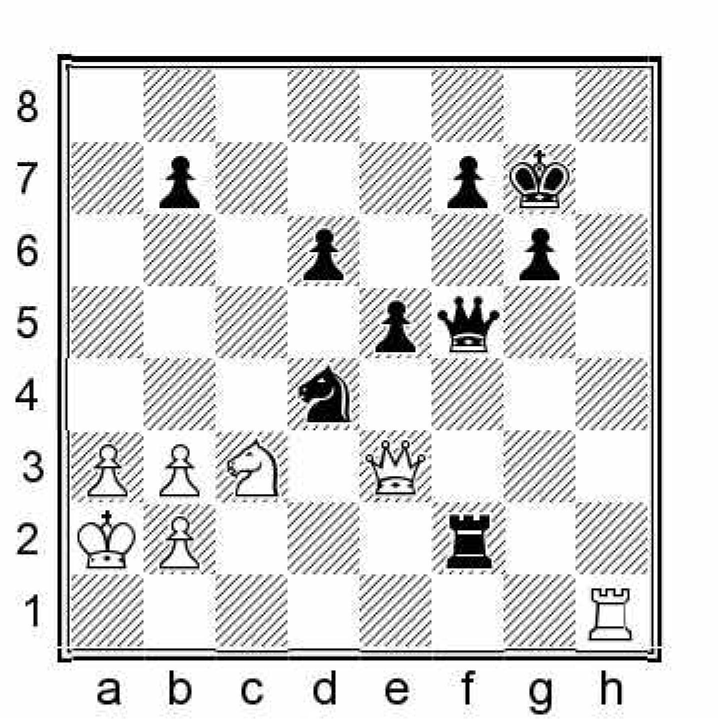
25...♖h3 At first I thought this to be winning by force and I got quite excited, but then I saw the reply 26.♘g3! which dampened my spirits somewhat. (26.♕c4? ♕g4 27.♖e1 ♖h1! was what raised my pulse.)

26.♔a2 ♔g7

26...♕e6! was perhaps the most accurate, but Black is winning in anycase.

27.♘c3? Desperately going for counterplay, but there is a twist in the tail.

27...♖xf2 28.♖h1 ♕f5 29.♕e3



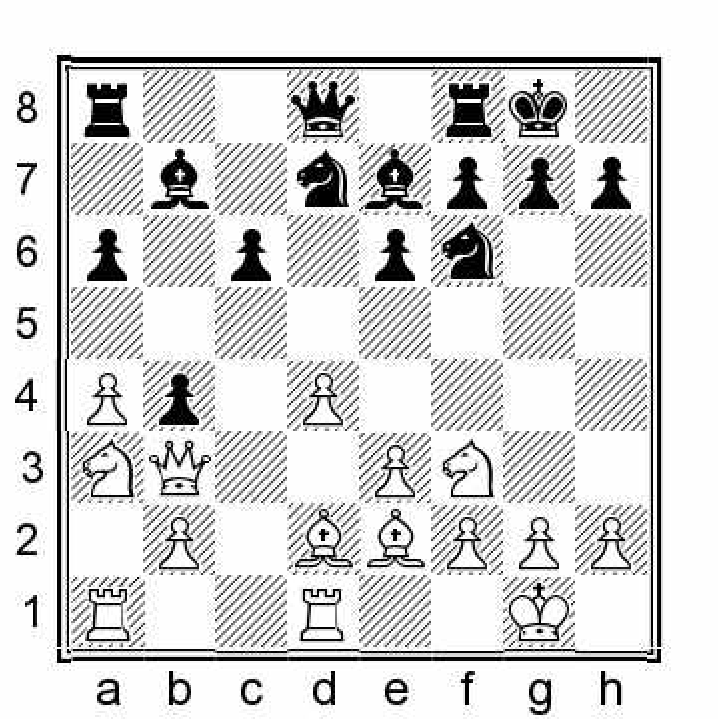
29...♖xb2+! 0-1

I SUCK AT CALCULATION

I'm increasingly coming to the conclusion that calculation is the most important factor in being a good chess player. Calculation allows you to proceed down these comfortable paths and avenues, that are denied to you if the calculation is sloppy.

Just look at the following example, played in round four of the Easter congress. Lets go back to that event.

Bin Suhayl, Ieysaa (2243) - Gormally, Daniel (2471)
Daventry, 2022



13...a5

13...c5! was the move I instinctively wanted to play. 14.dxc5 ♗xf3! this simple point I missed. (I spent too long on 14...♘xc5 15.♕xb4 ♗d5 before deciding this was unconvincing.) 15.♗xf3 bxa3↑ and Black wins material. Reminder - check your variations!

14.♘c4 c5 15.♘ce5

Now I spent some more time thinking, and was really unsure about what to play. This is one of the most difficult situations in chess - a complex middlegame where several plans are tempting but it is not clear which one you should choose.

What do I do? Do I trade on d4 and then take on e5? Do I put the bishop on d5, or the knight on that square? Should I throw in ...Rc8 at some point? I really didn't have a clue.

15...cxd4 16.exd4 ♗d5 17.♕e3 ♘e4 18.♗b5 ♘xd2 19.♕xd2 ♘xe5 20.♘xe5 ♗d6 Black has a comfortable game.

21.♖ac1

I now decided to aim for clarity, and head for an endgame. I thought if we both got short of time and the position remained tricky he could outplay me.

He had already beaten Keith Arkell in the previous round so was a dangerous player, and was underrated. Although, isn't everybody who is under the age of 25 these days?

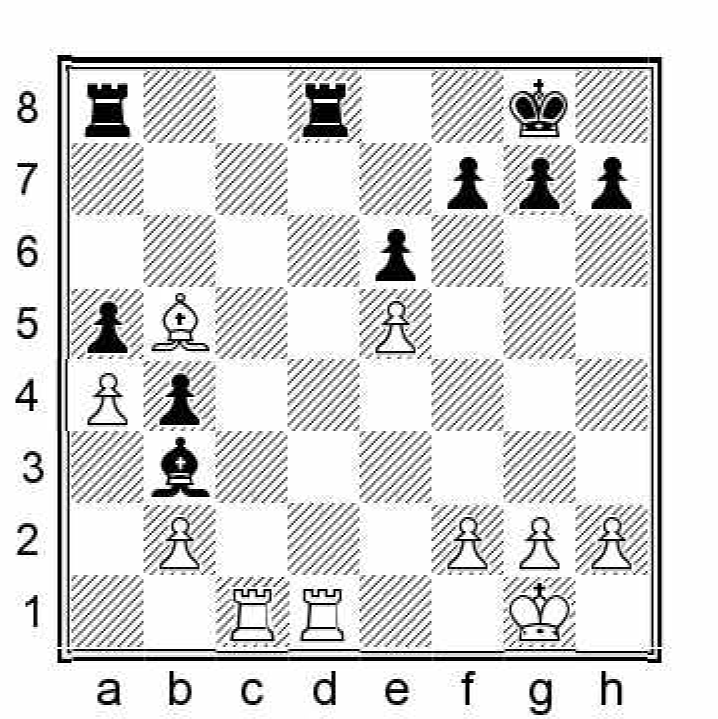
21...♗xe5 22.dxe5 ♗b3

22...♕h4!?∓ is interesting. The position looks dead equal but in fact Black has the advantage here because:

1. The bishop on d5 is superior to the bishop on b5 and if White tries to exchange it with something like Bc6 he might lose coordination:

2. The pawn on b2 is quite weak and can easily drop off in the endgame. The pawn on e5 is also quite exposed to attack.

23.♕xd8 ♖fxd8



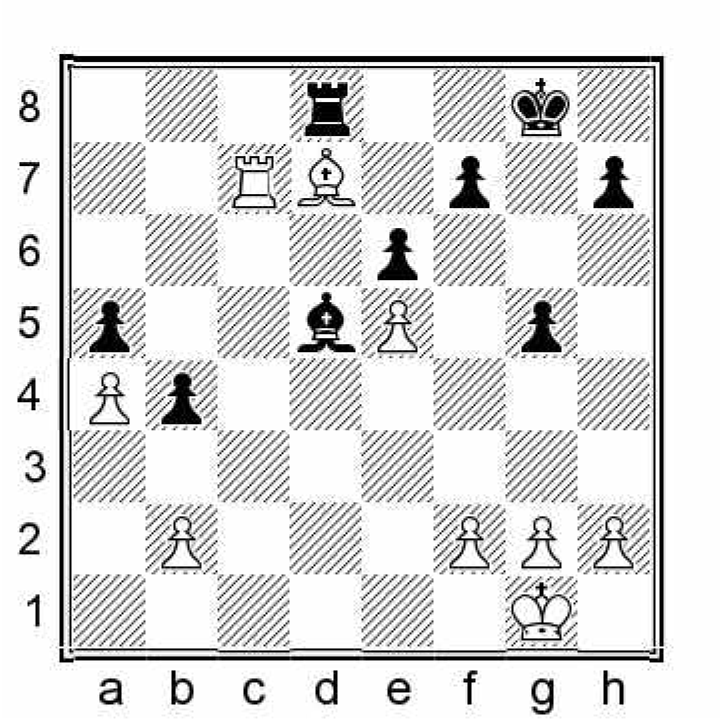
24.♖d6! I started to go purple - I had completely missed this earlier. Perhaps, this is when BAD calculation is useful - if I had seen this annoying Rd6 earlier, I may not have gone for this variation at all, and perhaps wouldn't have won this game.

Ignorance really is bliss.

24.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 Understandably my opponent wished to avoid this variation, when Black is planning to make luft on the kingside with something like ...h6, followed by ...Rd2 targeting the pawn on b2.

24...♖ac8 25.♖cc6 ♗d5 26.♖c7 g5 27.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 28.♗d7?

28.f3! ♗b3 29.♗d7! is a much better move order, because the black king won't reach f5.



28...♔g7! I had to fight my instincts here.

The desire to resolve the tension with 28...♗c6 was almost unbearable. Even in simple endgames with very little material on the board I wanted to make it as clear as possible. 29.♖xc6 ♖xd7 is an endgame which favours Black, but if we follow the Tarrasch maxim "All rook endgames are drawn" then White should have enough to hold here. 30.f4 gxf4 31.♖c5 b3 32.♖xa5 ♖d2 33.♖b5 ♖xb2 34.a5 ♔g7 35.a6 ♔g6 36.g3 fxg3 37.hxg3= I didn't get this far but the engine regards this as equal.

29.g4? As so often when faced with serious problems, the defending player overreacts.

29.f3 ♔g6 30.♔f2 ♔f5 31.♗b5 wasn't great but at least White hits f7.

29...♔g6 30.h3 h5 31.gxh5+ ♔xh5 32.♔h2 ♔g6 33.♔g3 ♔f5 34.♗b5 ♖f8-+ White has too many weaknesses and cannot defend.

35.♖a7 ♔xe5 36.♔g4 ♔f6 37.♖xa5 ♖c8 38.h4 gxh4 39.♔xh4 ♖c2 40.♔g3 ♖xb2 41.♖a6 ♖c2 42.♖b6 b3 43.a5 b2 44.♗a4 ♖c3+ 45.♔h2 ♗b3 0-1

Despite being gnawed by continual doubts I managed to get to 6/6.

My doubts were, whether I was good enough, whether I should be playing chess at all or doing something else with my life, whether I should visit the pub to the right of the hotel or go to the one on the left.

One thing I found that I did have was motivation. It had inspired a greater work ethic of late; I was fed up with dropping rating points to players I considered myself stronger than.

I had a chip on my shoulder and something to prove.

It was clear that my form was better. For one thing I was scoring heavily with Black; I think if you are thinking superficially it is hard to win games with that colour. I was also winning games quite quickly if my opponents went wrong, another key barometer of form.

Most pleasing of all was the fact that I had won a number of games in the endgame, because that was also an area that I had struggled in. In the past I had lacked the patience to win dry technical games, but in truth I was an underrated grinder, both by myself and others. Perhaps the reason I was calculating slightly better and winning in the endgame was the fact that of late I had forced myself to solve some endgame puzzles on the computer. Doing this every day had definitely sharpened up the calculation process.

So round seven loomed but there were some dangerous portents. For one thing, I had slept badly the night before. Also, I was paired with a dangerous opponent, Mark Hebden, a ferociously competitive beast.

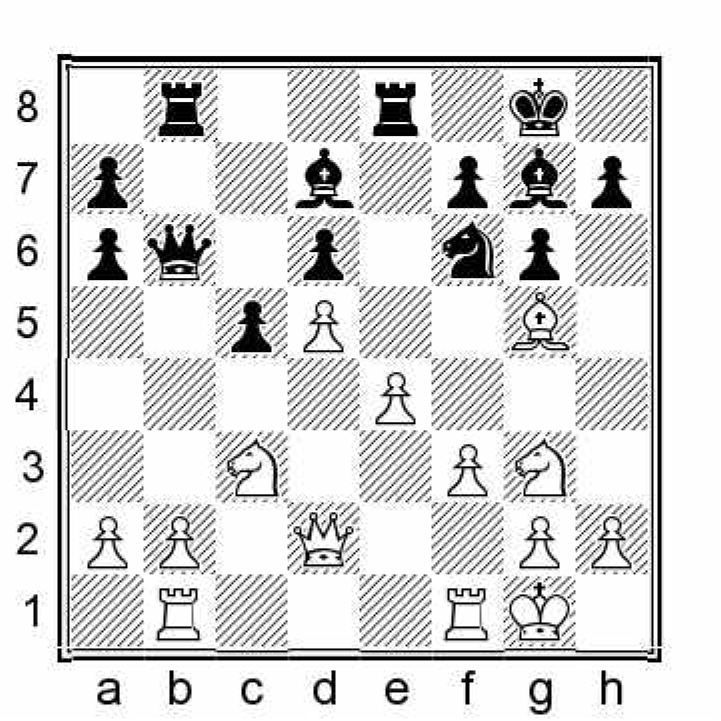
I also made the mistake of engaging in facebook chat with Keith Arkell just before the game. I should have switched off from that completely, but instead all I heard was "I do very well against Mark, don't give him a draw, you'll allow me to catch him up." It's a mistake to discuss possible results with other players in the tournament just before key rounds. I should have focused on what I was doing and not felt guilty if I decided to go for a quick draw. In that situation you need total freedom to operate.

In any case, I didn't need any encouragement, all I cared about was 7/7 because that was the only result that excited me - a total crush. Besides, my student Zoe Varney had predicted 7/7 before the tournament, something I had regarded as ridiculous before the event, but now seemed like a realistic possibility.

E81
Gormally, Daniel (2471) - Hebden, Mark (2448)
Daventry, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.♗g5 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♕d2 ♕a5 He had already done this against Andrew Ledger in the 2021 British Championships. Mark had lost that game, but not due to the opening.

Previous round had gone 8...exd5 9.cxd5 ♘a6 10.♗xa6 bxa6 11.♘ge2 ♖b8 12.O-O ♖e8 13.♖ab1 ♗d7?! played with the intention of placing the bishop on b5, but from there it blocks any play on the b-file. (For that reason, 13...a5! with the idea of ...Ba6, was better.) 14.♘g3 ♕b6?



15.♕f4! 1 : 0 Gormally,Daniel 2471 - Fallowfield,Jeremy 2152, Daventry 2022

9.♗f4!? exd5 10.cxd5 ♘e8

Just before the game in the hotel room I had panicked and thought "What if he goes for ...Ne8?"

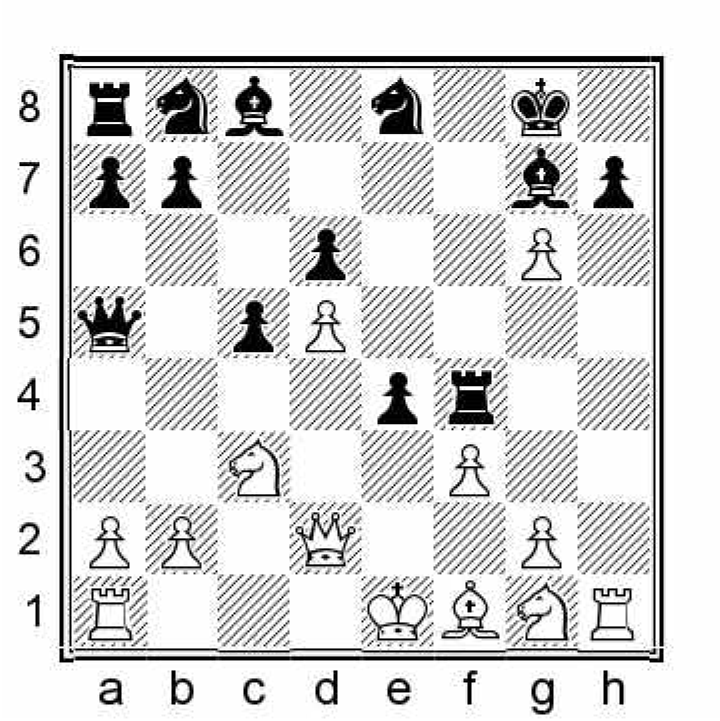
Although I did look at this briefly I was trying to juggle last minute preparation with a desire to get some much needed rest before the game. Clearly I failed, as I didn't go deeply enough here. After the game Mark was trying to defend Black's position, saying that it was recommended in a course by Viktor Bologan, but Black's situation looks rather precarious to me.

It would not be his style to play the passive 10...♖d8 defending the pawn.

11.h4 f5! Of course, he goes for the action move, as that's totally his style. This is where I was really regretting not going deep enough in my preparation.

12.exf5?!

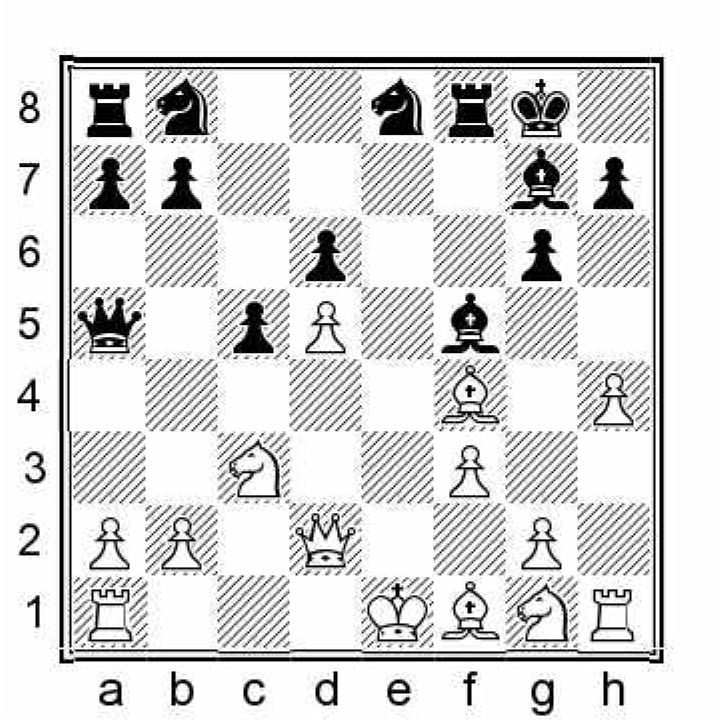
12.h5! was much more consistent but I miscalculated an important variation, or to be more accurate, didn't give myself enough time to calculate it properly, mainly because I was too nervous and playing too quickly. 12...fxe4 13.hxg6 ♖xf4



I saw this and moved on. (13...hxg6 but the danger is over for White and there are a number of decent choices. 14.♗h6! for example, leaves Black in trouble. (14.♘xe4 ♕xd2+ 15.♗xd2 ♗xb2 16.♖b1 ♗g7 offers White decent compensation due to the various weaknesses in the Black position.)) 14.♕xf4! ♗xc3+ 15.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 16.♔f2+- and Black doesn't have time to take the rook on a1 as he will get mated. Not difficult to go this far was it?

Waiting for the train home the next day, Keith said he would have gone for 12.♗h6!? which would have killed a lot of his action, if not being quite as consistent as 12.h5. Given the tournament situation, this would not have been a bad choice at all.

12...♗xf5



13.g3? Another sign that I wasn't thinking correctly. When you go for the attack and then change horses midstream and start playing slowly, it never ends well.

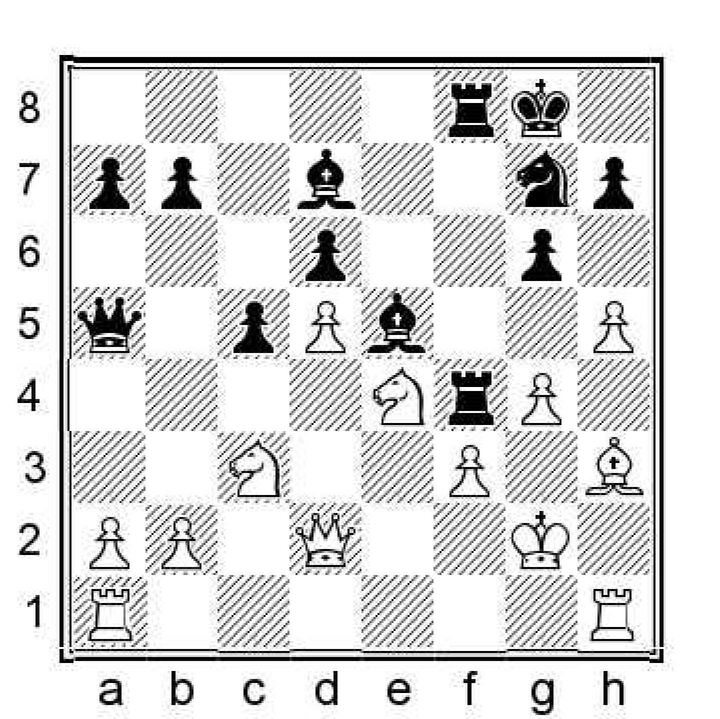
13.♗h6! and Black is still struggling; the kingside looks horribly exposed to attack. 13...b5 is a rather desperate try, but decent moves are hard to come by. (13...♘d7? 14.g4+-; 13...♘f6 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7 15.g4 ♗d7 16.h5+-) 14.♗xg7 ♘xg7 15.♗xb5 ♘d7 16.♗xd7 ♗xd7 17.♘e4± is pleasant for White.

13.h5 ♘d7 14.g4 ♗xg4!∞ isn't so clear.

13...♘d7 14.♔f2 ♘e5 15.♗xe5 ♗xe5 16.♗h3 ♘g7 17.♘ge2 ♖ae8 18.g4 ♗d7 19.♔g2 ♗b5? This seems fairly pointless although doesn't change the evaluation of the position. White's position is too exposed.

20.♘g3 ♖f4 21.♘ge4 ♗d7 22.h5 ♖ef8?

22...gxh5∓



23.h6? Effectively a resignation move. White is closing the position when he needs to open it!

23.hxg6 hxg6 24.♖af1 is something I think I would have played automatically if I had been thinking clearly, especially as I was normally quite good at resisting in bad positions. The combination of sleeping poorly the night before and the nervous tension of the competitive situation, meant that I effectively sleepwalked through this game.

23...♘e8 24.g5 ♗f5 25.♗xf5 ♖4xf5 26.♖af1 ♗f4 The pawn on g5 is snapped off, and with it any resistance.

27.♕c2 ♕d8 28.♘e2 ♗xg5 29.♘4g3 ♖5f7 30.♕e4 ♘f6 31.♕d3 ♘d7 32.♕e4 ♖e8 33.♕c2 ♗e3 34.f4 ♘f6 35.f5 g5 36.♘c3 ♖e5 0-1

It is sad that the competitive side of chess has become my bugbear. I feel that I am failing for psychological issues more than anything else. You can accept it, if it's a talent thing. That I'm not good enough as a chess player.

The truth is though that I'm capable of seeing the variations well enough. It's just that I'm not allowing myself enough TIME to think things through, due to getting ahead of myself and thinking about the result.

This is basic psychology but something that I've yet to completely nail down, and because of this last rounds have often been a problem for me, over the years. Not just last rounds but any rounds, due to becoming overwhelmed with nerves and failing to think properly.

If the game against Hebden was played in a sleepwalking state, then the one I played in the last round of the Durham open against Brandon Clarke was no better. I needed a win to get first as Brandon was on 4/4 and I had already dropped a draw earlier in the event.

D91
Gormally, Daniel (2476) - Clarke, Brandon (2445)
Darlington, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3

4.♗g5 ♘e4 5.♗h4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 was a better move-order which would have cut down on his options, as Brandon explained to me later (him being a bit of an expert in openings.) 7...b5?! is now considered somewhat dubious. 8.a4 c6? (8...♗d7) 9.axb5 cxb5? (9...♕d5) 10.♕f3! White is denied this option once the knight goes to f3.

4...♗g7 5.♗g5 ♘e4 6.♗h4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.e3 b5! But, now this is considered slightly better for Black.

8...♗e6 9.♕b1 b6 10.♘g5 ♗d5 11.e4 h6 12.♘f3 ♗e6 13.♗e2∞ is just murky.

9.a4 c6 10.♘d2 a6 11.♗e2 ♘d7 12.♗f3 ♗b7 13.O-O O-O 14.♕b1 ♖b8 15.♕b2 ♖e8 16.axb5 axb5 17.♖a7 ♕b6 18.♖fa1 e5

We were still following my preparation and I was playing extremely quickly. I was aware that the computer didn't really rate White's chances here, but I didn't really mind. I thought it was a complex position where it is very easy for Black to go wrong.

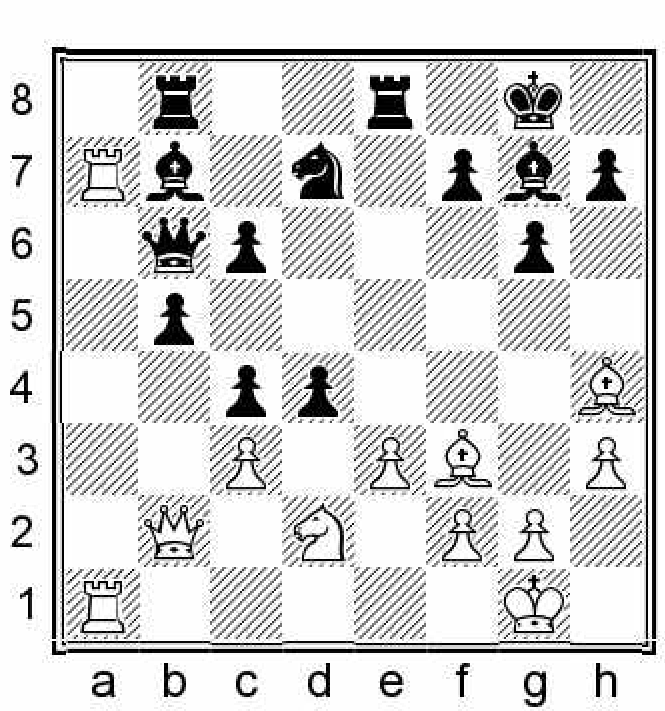
19.h3 Pure competitive angst. I should have slowed down, sat on my hands, anything. I mistakenly thought that I was still following my preparation. I was, but h3 is a devation from that.

In fact it turns out that h3 wasn't so bad at all, but just that I immediately realized after his reply that I had got my moves mixed up, and that caused a bad chain reaction.

19.♗g3 f5 20.h3 was actually what I had prepared. I just got the order of the moves wrong, but if you are relying completely on your memory and not pausing to sort any details out, disasters like this can happen.

Aware of my memory issues, I had even spent some time trying to memorize these moves in the morning of this game, in anticipation that I might play Brandon. I had got the first few moves down pat, but clearly the details of later in the line were too murky to me. 20...♖a8 21.♖xa8 ♗xa8 22.♗h2 isn't great for White but at least gives some kind of hacking chances.

19...exd4



20.exd4?

20.cxd4! looks scary to allow Black these connectors and for that reason I didn't give it much thought. Or should I say, the reason I didn't give any of my moves any thought around here, was that I was just too nervous. When I told Brandon this later, he expressed his surprise. He said I didn't look nervous. 20...c5 21.♗xb7 ♖xb7 (21...cxd4 22.♗d5 dxe3 23.♗xf7+ ♔h8 24.♕b1 exd2 25.♗xe8± is a crazy line that might even favour White.; 21...c3 22.♕xc3 cxd4 23.♕c6 dxe3=) 22.♘xc4 bxc4 23.♖xb7 ♕xb2 24.♖xb2 cxd4 25.♖d1 d3 26.♖b7=

20...c5! 21.♘xc4 To my horror, as soon as I took on c4, I realized that I had miscalculated, forgetting that he would remain a pawn up in this line.

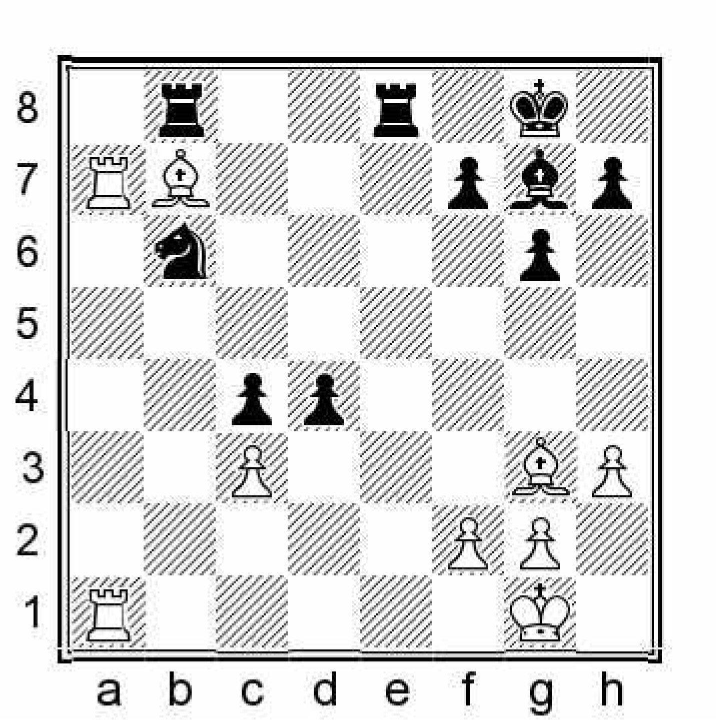
21.dxc5 ♘xc5 22.♘xc4 ♕e6 isn't much fun for White.

21.♗xb7 cxd4! is too easy to find for a Gruenfeld player. 22.♗d5 ♕d6-+

21...bxc4 22.♕xb6 ♘xb6 23.♗xb7 cxd4 Earlier I thought this was just equal as I take on d4 and all the pawns have come off the board, forgetting that he would remain with a pawn on c4.

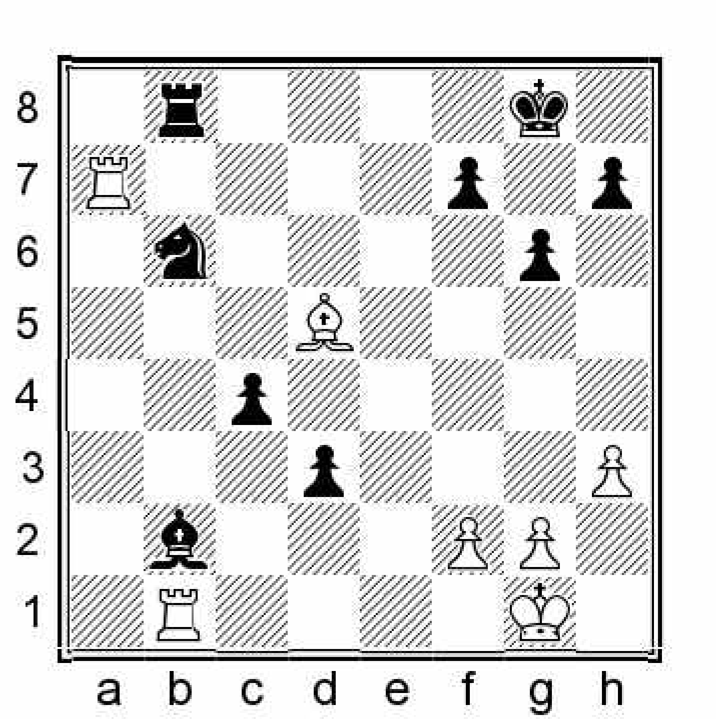
24.♗g3 My last gamble.

24.cxd4 ♗xd4 25.♖d1 ♗b2 just looked too easy to play.



24...♗e5?

I was mightily relieved that he didn't find 24...d3! as that felt like the end of the game to me, but as a draw assured him of at worse shared first, perhaps he couldn't be bothered to work out the details. 25.♗xb8 ♖xb8 (25...♗xc3? also felt winning over the board, but doesn't quite hit the mark. 26.♗f4 ♗xa1 27.♖xa1 c3 28.♔f1 d2 29.♗xd2 cxd2 30.♖d1=) 26.♖b1 ♗xc3 27.♗d5 ♗b2!!



This move is fancy and also does the job. (27...♖d8 28.♗xf7+ ♔f8∓ is a bit tragic for White.) 28.♖xb2 c3-+

25.♗xe5 ♖xe5 26.cxd4 Relieved to escape I offered a draw, which was quickly accepted.

26.cxd4 ♖e6 27.♗f3 ♖d6 It is hard to find any variations where White is ever better, or ever worse in fact.

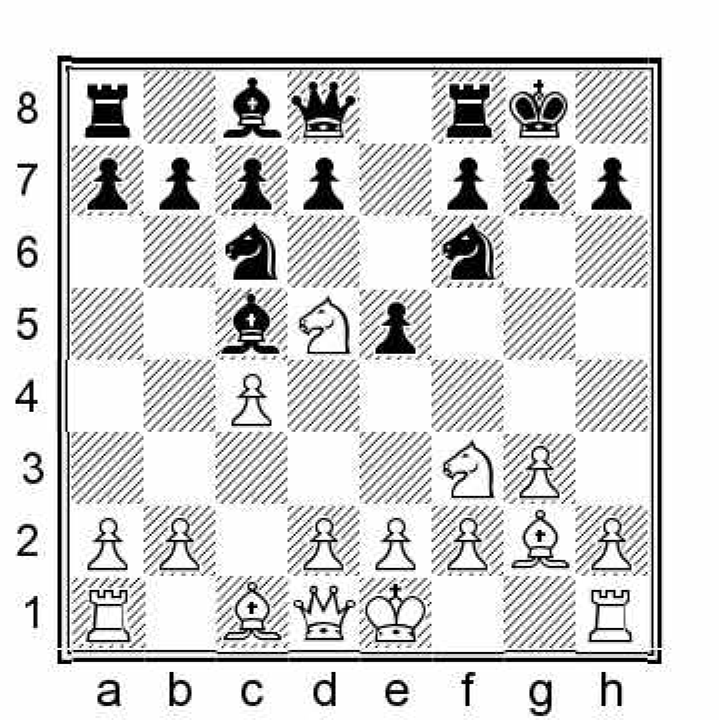
1/2-1/2

Recently I spoke with another player who expressed his disgust at English chess events, saying how they are badly run and he prefers to play on the continent, where you get a better atmosphere and it actually feels like you are at a chess tournament. He has a point. England feels like a regressive chess nation, most of the better players are getting older and aren't getting replaced at a fast enough rate.

I was shocked to find my opponent in the next game which took place in the 4NCL weekend, Tony Kosten, only rated at 2370. Only a few years ago you could easily find him at 2500+, or maybe it only feels like a few years ago, and in reality was 20 years or more? Age catches up with us all.

A29
Kosten, Anthony (2371) - Gormally, Daniel (2471)
Great Britain, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♗b4 5.♗g2 O-O 6.♘d5 ♗c5

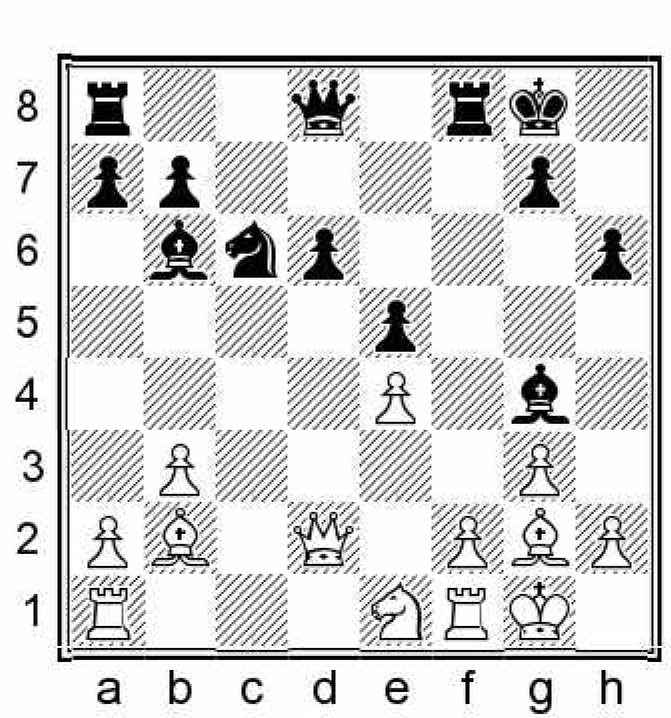


7.b4!? A shock.

7.d3 d6 8.O-O h6 9.b3 was the continuation of my game against Paul Townsend, played later at the Durham Congress which took place in Darlington, where I had also played Brandon (a game given earlier.)

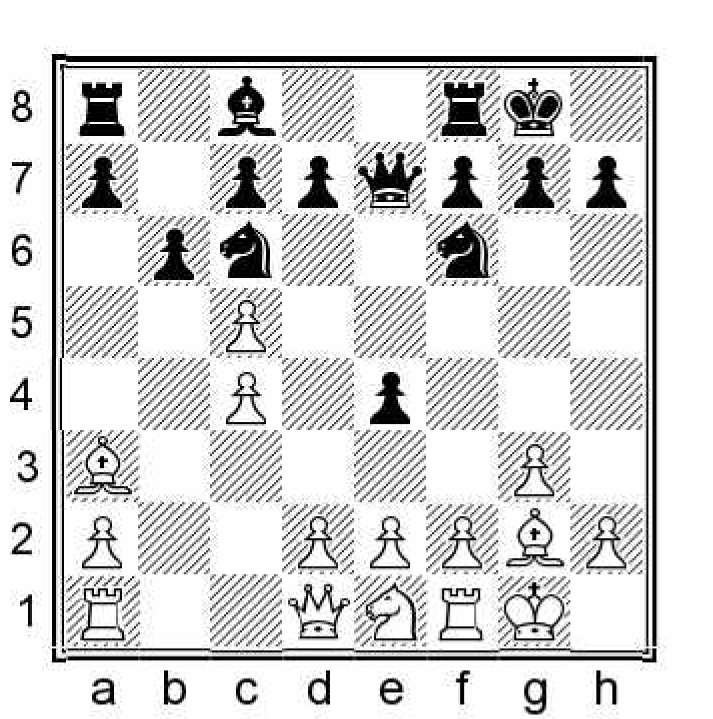
This tournament did not get off to a good start when I booked into my accomodation in the Dalesman pub on the Friday afternoon. This was a fairly rough looking establishment which had three Staffordshire dogs wandering around the saloon bar when I walked in. They couldn't find my booking - perhaps there had been some kind of error?

On checking my emails, it turned out it was on my end, as I had booked in for the following weekend by mistake. So I was forced to book into another hotel and pay GBP 40 more. 9...♗b6 is a bit of a gamble because I wanted to keep the tension. (9...♘xd5 10.cxd5 ♘e7 11.d4 exd4 12.♘xd4 I've had online and White's position is a rock and tough to breakdown, so avoid.) 10.♗b2?! (10.♘xb6! axb6 11.♗b2± is of course what White should go for.) 10...♘xd5! 11.cxd5 ♘e7 12.e4 (12.d4 can now be met by 12...e4 13.♘d2 f5 which was the point of ...Bb6, so Black isn't forced to take on d4.) 12...f5 13.♕c2? (13.exf5! looks ugly but is one of those computer moves which work. 13...♗xf5 14.d4 e4 15.♘d2 and White is very much alive.) 13...fxe4 14.dxe4 ♗g4 15.♘e1 c6 16.dxc6 ♘xc6 17.♕d2?



17...♕g5! and Paul resigned, as White cannot prevent the eventual infriltration of the bishop to e2, not without giving up material at least.

7...♘xd5 8.bxc5 ♘f6!= 9.O-O ♕e7 10.♗a3 e4 11.♘e1 b6



12.♘c2?! I was surprised he gave up on the pawn so easily.

12.d4! felt much less clear. 12...exd3 (12...bxc5 13.♗xc5 d6 14.♗a3) 13.♘xd3 ♘e4? (13...♗a6) 14.♗xe4 ♕xe4 15.cxb6± even favours White.

12...bxc5 13.d3 ♖b8 14.dxe4 ♘xe4 15.♕d3?

15.♘e3!∞

15...♖e8 16.♘e3 ♕e5 Around about here I could tell he was a bit uncomfortable. The compensation for the pawn hasn't really arrived.

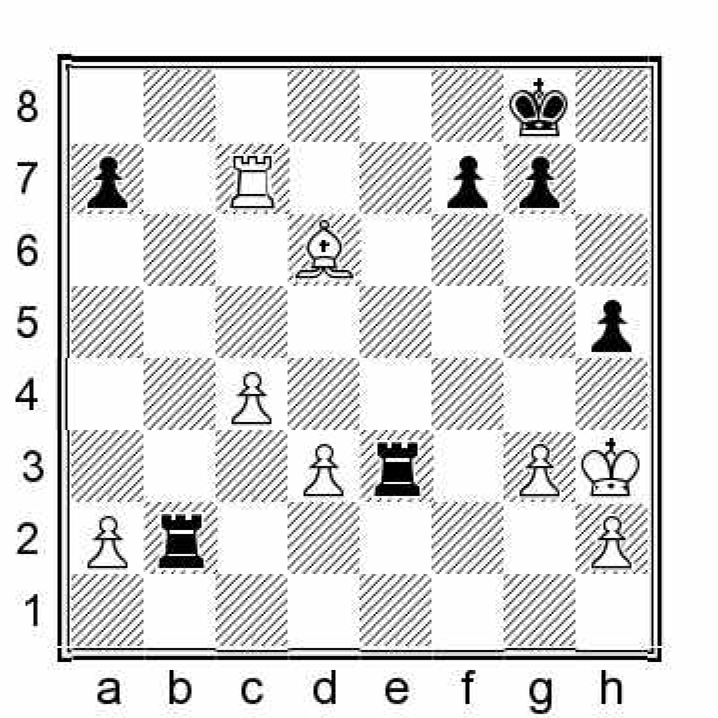
16...♘b4 17.♗xb4 cxb4 18.♘d5 ♕e5 19.f4 ♕e6!∓ is keen calculation that passed me by. I had seen some of this but not the idea of meeting Nc7 with ...Qb6.

17.♗xe4 An admission of failure.

17.♘d5!? ♘b4 (17...f5? 18.f3 ♘f6 19.♗xc5=) 18.♗xb4 cxb4 19.f4 ♕e6∓

17...♕xe4 18.♗xc5 d6 19.♗a3 ♕xd3 20.exd3 ♘d4 21.♖ab1 ♗b7 22.♖b2 ♘f3+ 23.♔g2 ♘d2+ 24.♖xb7 ♖xb7? The mistake is not for objective value (the move is still winning) but more for the fact that I allowed him to keep pieces on the board at all.

Around about here his body language gave away what was going on - he was resigned to defeat. This was the moment to knuckle down and calculate my way to victory. 24...♘xf1! was the cleanest, which I rather sensed in the game. 25.♖xc7 ♘xe3+ 26.fxe3 ♖xe3 27.♗xd6 ♖b2+ 28.♔h3 h5



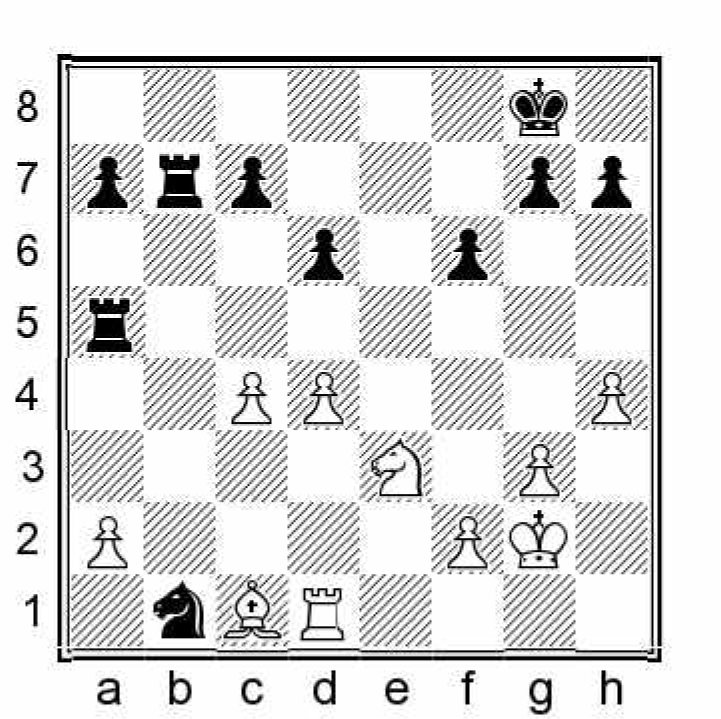
I saw this far and assumed it was winning. But then the demon comes on your shoulder. "Why bother with this line gorm? He's got two passed-pawns! What a mess! Sure, you are mating him by force. But surely its better to torture him instead?!" 29.d4 g5 (29...♖ee2 30.g4 ♖e4 (30...hxg4+ 31.♔xg4 ♖e4+ 32.♔f3 ♖xd4 33.c5 ♖xa2 34.♔e3 ♖b4 35.c6 ♖a3+ 36.♔d2 ♖d4+-+)) 30.♗e5 ♖ee2-+ White can resign and a game that ended up lasting six hours, would have ended immediately.

25.♖d1 ♘b1 26.♗c1 f6 Weakening the second rank, a first sign that I was uncomfortable in the technical phase.

26...h5 27.d4 ♘c3 28.♖d2 ♘a4-+ the knight is not great here, but it is enough.

26...♘c3 27.♖d2 ♖b1 28.♖c2 ♘xa2 29.♖xa2 ♖xc1 30.♖xa7 ♖c3 31.d4 ♖d3 32.d5 ♖c8-+ was one way to simplify and win.

27.h4 ♖e5?! 28.d4 ♖a5



29.♖e1! Tony is taking any chances going. One thing you do notice when facing stronger players, is how well they resist in bad positions. You really have to put your boot on their neck, something I failed to do in this game.

29...♔f7 30.d5 ♖b8 31.♘f5 ♖e8 32.♗e3

32.♖xe8 ♔xe8 33.♘xg7+ ♔f7 34.♘e6 c5-+

32...♘a3

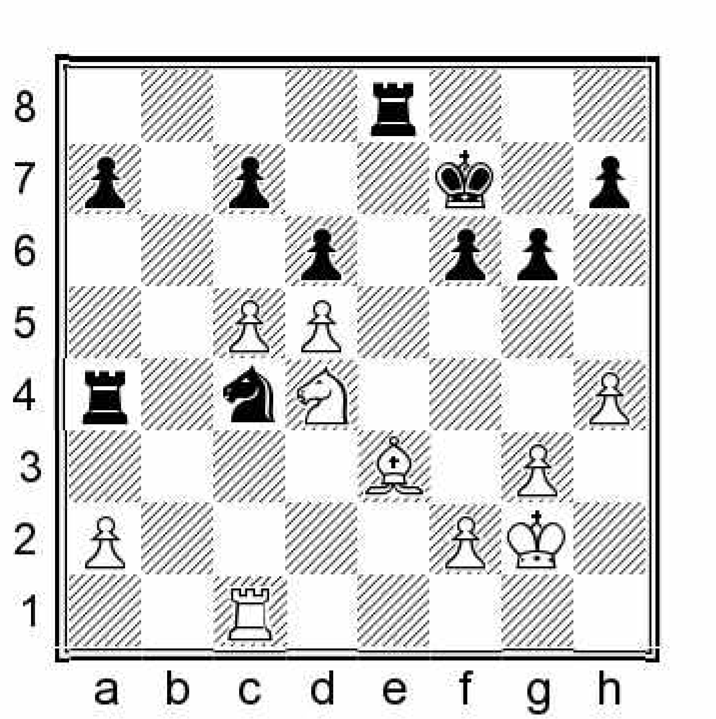
32...♘c3! I should have gone for this. One mistake you can make in converting an advantage is trying to avoid complications altogether. I guess I didn't want to go from a position where I was a clean exchange up to one which had unbalanced material. But winning is winning! 33.♗d2 ♖xe1 34.♗xc3 ♖e5 (34...♖xa2 35.♗xe1 a5 36.♘d4 a4 37.♘b5 ♖c2-+ Black will inevitably win.) 35.♗xa5 ♖xf5 36.♗xc7 ♔e7 37.f4 looks a bit awkward from afar, except that 37...♖h5 38.♔f3 f5∓ will still be good enough.

33.♖c1 g6 34.♘d4 ♖c5 35.♘c2 ♖a5

35...♖xc4 36.♘xa3 ♖xc1 37.♗xc1 ♖e2-+ was winning and similar to lines given earlier. Black will win easily with the rampaging rook.

36.♘d4 ♖a4 37.c5 ♘c4⊕

37...♖c4 38.cxd6 cxd6 39.♖d1 a6-+ would have avoided the complications of the game. (39...♘c2 40.♘b5 ♘xe3+ 41.fxe3 ♖c2+ 42.♔f3 ♖b8 43.♘xd6+ ♔e7 44.♘e4 f5-+)



38.♗f4!

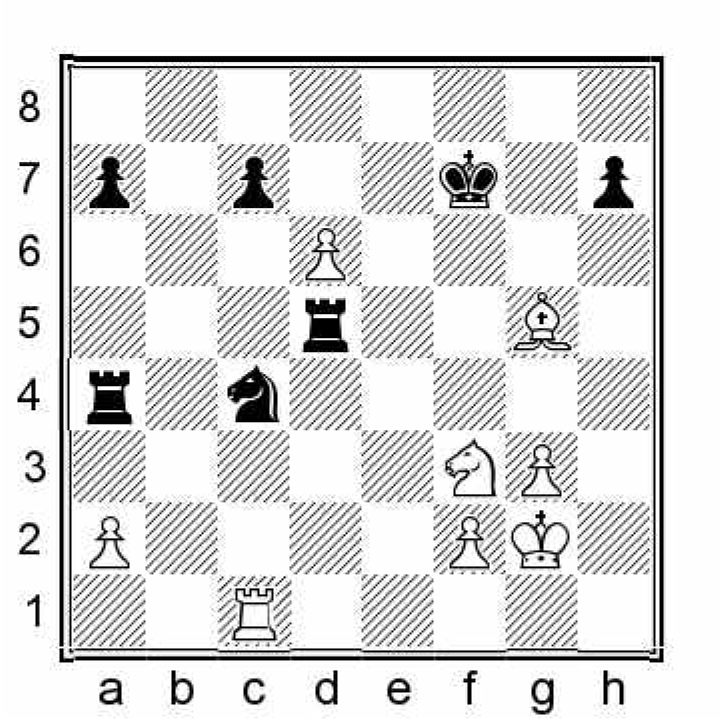
Now I was already short of time (I had burned up most of my time in the technical phase; gaining a winning position hadn't troubled my clock much at all) and Tony was continuing to cause little problems. Of course, when you check it with the engine afterwards everything looks very simple, but over the board you start to see demons.

38...g5 This is not a move I was particularly happy to play because it gives him a route to my kingside.

38...♘b2? 39.cxd6 cxd6 40.♘b5=;

38...dxc5 39.♘b5 ♖d8 40.♘xc7 ♖d7-+ should win easily, as there is already a threat of ...g5.

39.hxg5 fxg5 40.♗xg5 ♖e5 41.♘f3 ♖xd5 42.cxd6



42...cxd6 Black is still winning but the technical phase of the game has become difficult; more difficult that it should have been. My king is now exposed and he can cause annoying problems with his minor pieces combining with the rook.

43.♖h1 ♔g7 44.♗h6+ ♔g6 45.♗f4 h5 46.♖e1 ♖xa2 47.♖e6+ ♔f7 48.♖h6 ♔g7 49.♘h4 ♖e2 50.♖g6+ ♔f7 51.♗h6 ♖e6 52.♖g7+ ♔e8 53.♘g6 Just go away already, that was my thoughts in the game. He continues to find the only way to resist at all. Clearly he is intending to check on g8, and if I go to d7, then play Nf8. Nf4 is also a threat.

53...♖f5 54.♖g8+ ♔f7 55.♖g7+ ♔f6 56.♘h4 ♖a5! 57.♖c7 ♖e4

57...♔e5! Just running away with the king would have been wise, but I had forgotten that this move uncovered an attack on the bishop on h6.

58.♗g7+ ♔e6 59.♘g6 ♘e5 60.♘f4+ ♖xf4? A sign that I was becoming frustrated.

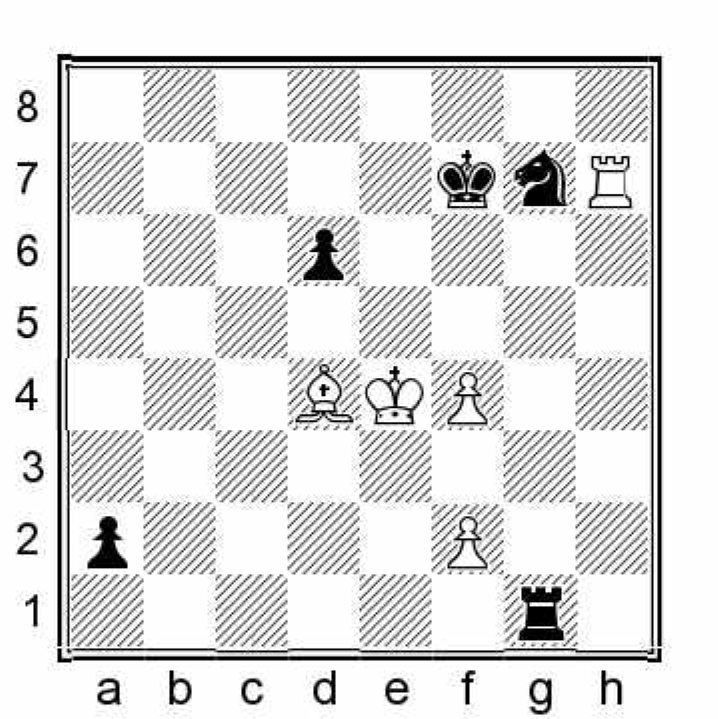
60...♔f5 61.♘xh5 ♖c4 62.♖e7 ♖a2∓ Black has lost the h-pawn, but that really isn't important. What is remaining on the board will be good enough.

61.gxf4 ♘g6 62.♗d4 a6 63.♗e3 ♘h4+ 64.♔h3 ♘f5 65.♖h7 h4? 66.♔g4 ♖a1 67.♖h8 ♖g1+ 68.♔f3? Getting tired, he is making mistakes as well.

68.♔h3! was already worryingly close to a draw.

68...a5 69.♖e8+ ♔f7 70.♖a8 h3 71.♖h8 a4 72.♖xh3 a3 73.♖h7+ ♘g7 74.♗d4 a2 Mentally I now chalked up the win. I imagined getting plaudits from my team mates after the game, "Yes, Tony resisted very well and my technique was shocking guys. But a win is a win." This was a big mistake. You can never relax, not against a chess warrior like Tony.

75.♔e4



75...a1=♕?? Terribly careless.

I am still traumatised that I didn't find the simple win here which I worked out in my head after the game, while waiting for the taxi to take me to the restaurant: 75...♔g8! 76.♖h6 ♖e1+ 77.♔f3 ♘f5 78.♖h8+ ♔f7 79.♗c3 ♖c1 80.♗b2 ♖b1 and Black will mop up. (80...a1=♕ 81.♗xa1 ♖xa1 is also good enough.)

76.♖xg7+

Oh dear. I had missed that one. I now experienced the kind of revulsion and horror that can only be achieved in a classical game of chess. It's a unique kind of disgust.

76...♖xg7 77.♗xa1= ♖g1 78.♗d4 ♔e6 79.f5+ ♔d7 80.f4 ♖g4 81.♗h8 ♖g8 82.♗d4 ♖e8+ 83.♔d5 ♖b8 84.♔e4 ♖b5 85.♗g7 ♖b4+ 86.♗d4 1/2-1/2

Upon the conclusion to this epic game, where even though it was a draw one player feels like a loser and the other feels like a winner, a feeling of grim, almost unmanagable anger washed over me. Tony tried to engage me in conversation and I ignored him. He apologised, and then mentioned something about nearly resigning on move 20. I flung the scoresheet down on the playing hall in pure anger and walked out of the venue at high speed, stabbing my pen into my right leg as I went.

The next morning while having a bath I saw an ugly red circle around a black mark, so was convinced I had skin cancer, already forgetting about this pen stab incident. Even now over a week later, I still have an ugly yellow bruise on my right leg. Nothing is worth this kind of madness, certainly not chess.

UNDERSTANDING THE OPENINGS

By GM Nigel Davies

THE SCANDINAVIAN [B01]

Other White Lines

Part II

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In my previous article I examined the Scandinavian with 3...♕d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 g6, concluding that it looks like a useful and little explored weapon for Black. In order to make it into a complete repertoire against 1.e4, some other lines need to be considered. Firstly, there are lines where White plays 3.♘c3 without 4.d4, in which White plays 4.g3 or 4.♗c4. Secondly, there are those in which he omits 3.♘c3 altogether with either 3.♘f3 or 3.d4.

Black gets very reasonable counterchances in all of these lines, but he does need to know what he's doing. This is especially the case in the lines 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.♗e3 and 6.c4.

The material is divided up as follows:

a) 4.♗c4 and 4.g3

b) 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.h3

c) 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.0-0

d) 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.♘c3

e) 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♗e3 & 4.c3

f) 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.♗e3

g) 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.c4

a) 4.♗c4 and 4.g3

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘c3 ♕d6 4.g3

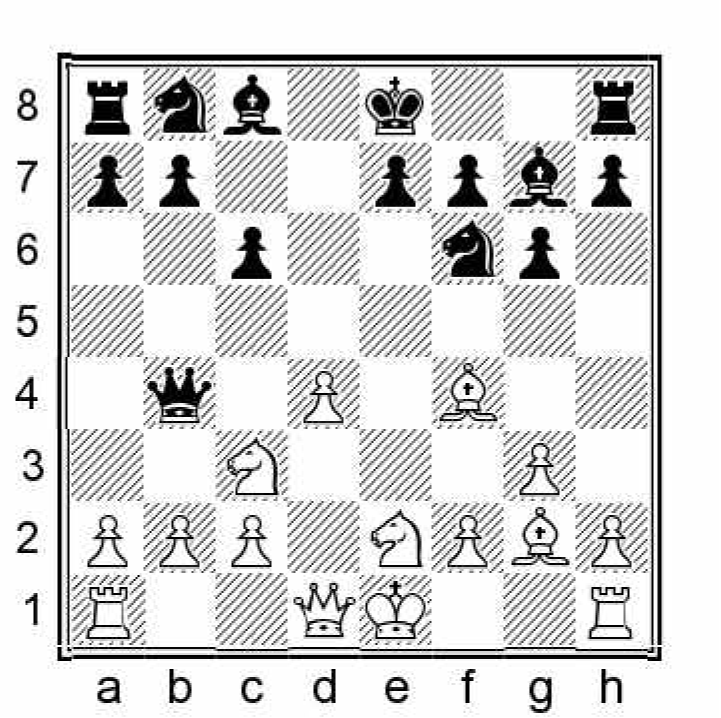
The fianchetto development of White's bishop aims to create pressure against Black's queenside, it also suppports a later Bf4, so it certainly has some logic. In response I will recommend set-ups with ...g6, in keeping with my recommended set-up in the previous article.

White can also play 4.♗c4 without putting his d-pawn on d4, but this early commitment of the bishop allows Black to switch back to an effective set-up with ...a6. For example: 4...♘f6 5.♘f3 a6 (5...c6 6.O-O ♗g4 also seems very reasonable.) 6.O-O b5 7.♗b3 ♗b7∞ was Ivanovic,Bozidar 2501 - Benkovic,Petar 2469, Subotica 2003 - 87/(52)

4...♘f6

Black can also play and immediate 4...g6, for example: 5.♗g2 ♗g7 6.♘ge2 c6 7.b3 ♘f6 8.♗b2 O-O 9.O-O ♗f5= was Meurs,Tom 2249 - Danin,Alexandre 2521, Budva 2019

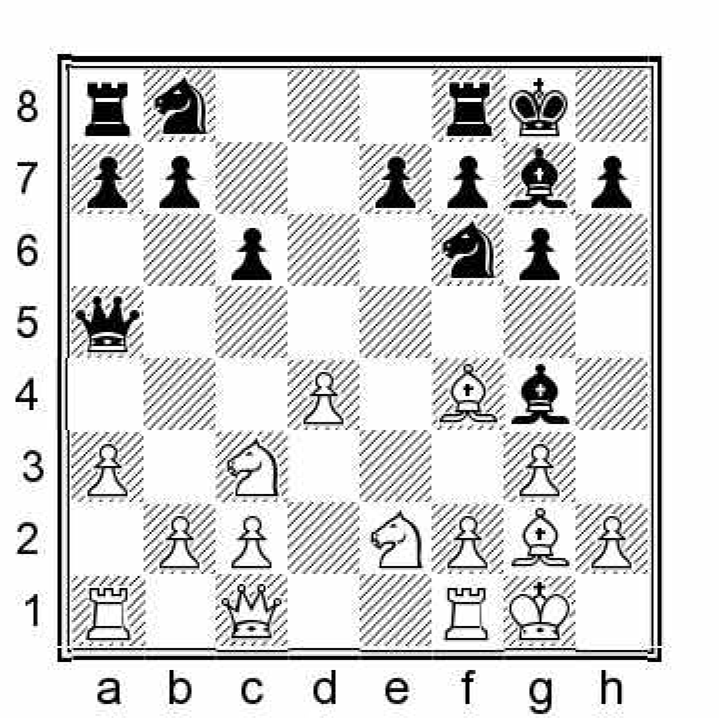
5.♗g2 c6 6.d4 g6 7.♗f4 ♕b4 8.♘e2 ♗g7



9.♕c1!?

9.O-O O-O 10.a3 ♕b6 also leaves Black with a solid position.

9...O-O 10.O-O ♗g4 11.a3 ♕a5∞



This move gave rise to a tough struggle in Topalov,Veselin 2772 - Nisipeanu,Liviu-Dieter 2693, Sofia 2007 - 100/46

b) 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.h3

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.h3

5.d4 transposes into the line 3.d4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2, and if anything is a more popular move order for White.

5...♗xf3 This is regarded as Black's best, bringing him full equality.

5...♗h5 and 5...♗f5 have also been used by some strong players, but mainly in blitz and rapid games.

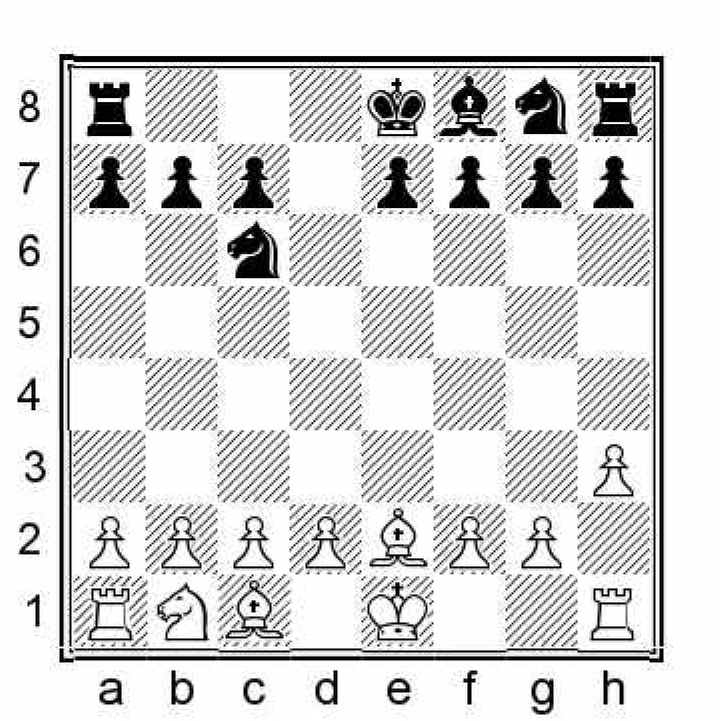
6.♗xf3 ♕e6+ This disruptive check is the consistent follow up.

7.♕e2

7.♔f1 O-O-O 8.d3 (8.c3 is well met by 8...♘e5) 8...g6 9.♘c3 ♘d4= was equal in Rowson,Jonathan 2569 - Kramnik,Vladimir 2793, London (rapid) 2013

7...♘d4

There is a major alternative in 7...♕xe2+, which has the advantage of avoiding doubled pawns for either side! Black's space advantage offsets White's posession of the two bishops, but they can nonetheless become a factor, for example: 8.♗xe2



8...♘d4 (8...O-O-O is also possible, for example: 9.c3 e5 10.d3 f5 11.♘d2 g6 12.♘f3 (12.♘c4 ♗h6) 12...♗h6= was about equal in Panchanathan,Magesh Chandran 2564 - Kasparov,Sergey 2490, Ranshofen 2012) 9.♗d1 e5 10.O-O O-O-O 11.d3 g6 12.♖e1 ♗g7 13.♘d2 ♘e7∞ led to a tough endgame struggle in Nakamura,Hikaru 2708 - Tiviakov,Sergei 2662, Wijk aan Zee 2010

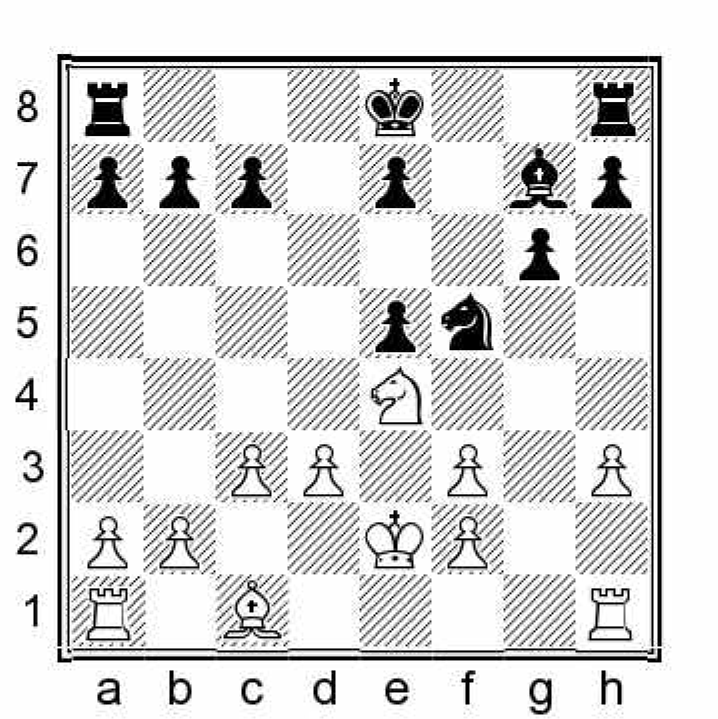
8.♕xe6 ♘xf3+ 9.gxf3 fxe6 This endgame should be fine for Black, though it seems helpful to put the knight on the outpost on f5. The main danger is that his e6-pawn will get targeted along the e-file.

10.♘c3

10.d3 g6 11.♘c3 ♘h6 is probably best, bringing the knight to f5.

10.d4 g6 11.♗f4 ♗g7 12.c3 ♔d7 13.♘d2= was Shahinyan,David 2456 - Quesada Perez, Yuniesky 2598, lichess.org (Internet-blitz) 2020, and now 13...♖f8 14.♗g3 ♖f5 15.O-O ♘f6 is fine for Black.

10...♘h6 11.♘e4 ♘f5 12.c3 e5 13.d3 g6 14.♔e2 ♗g7=



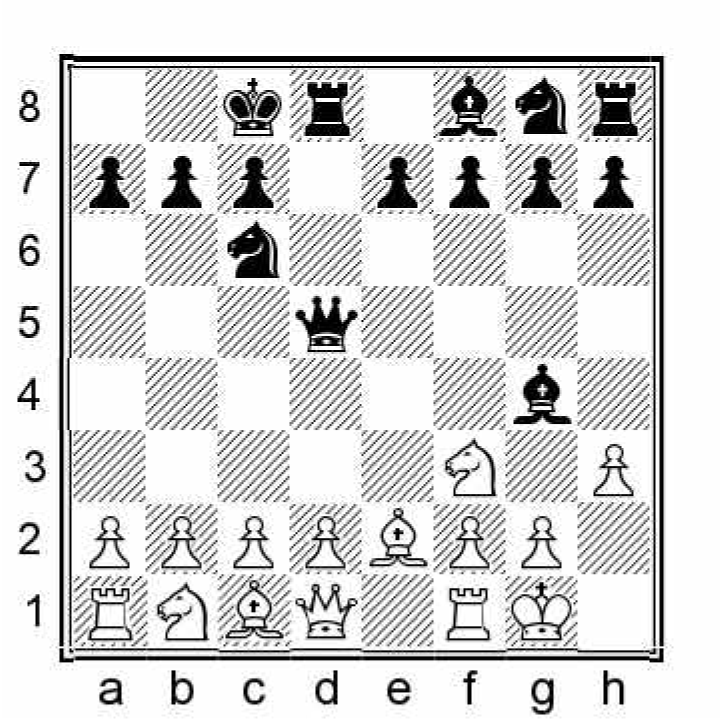
This position demonstrated a very effective set-up for Black in Kadric,Denis 2547 - Rakhmanov,Alexander 2629, Skopje 2019

c) 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.0-0

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.O-O O-O-O

Castling queenside is the sharpest and most consistent move, though 5...♘f6 has also been played.

6.h3 This is the main point behind 5.0-0, White wants to get the bishop pair and hope for chances in the middle game.



6...♗xf3 The critical move, not losing any time...

... though once again there are alternatives for Black: 6...♗f5?! does not look particularly good after 7.♘c3 ♕d7 8.♗b5±, as in Yu,Yangyi 2725 - Zhou,Jianchao 2616, China (ch-rapid) 2016

6...h5!? 7.♘c3 (7.hxg4 looks inadvisable, for example: 7...hxg4 8.♘h2 g3 9.fxg3 e6∓ puts White in all sorts of trouble.) 7...♕d6 8.♘e4 ♕d5 9.d3 ♗xf3 10.♗xf3 ♘d4 11.♗e3 ♘xf3+ 12.♕xf3 was Miroshnichenko, Evgenij 2618 - Kovchan,Alexander 2577, Al Ain (rapid) 2014, which does not seem too bad for Black after 12...g6 13.c4 ♕f5∞;

6...♗h5!? 7.♘c3 ♕d7 8.♗b5 (8.b4!? is probably best ignored, for example 8...♘f6 9.a3 ♗xf3 10.♗xf3 ♘d4= was fine in Aleksic,Nenad 2371 - Savic,Miodrag R 2519, Srbija 2008) 8...f6 9.d4 e6 10.♗e3 ♘ge7 11.♕e2 ♘f5⇄ gave Black good counterplay in Gvanceladze,Anna 2302 - Hasangatin,Ramil 2502, Serpukhov (rapid) 2018

7.♗xf3 ♕d7 8.c3

Allowing Black's knight to come to d4 seems to give White nothing, for example: 8.g3 e5 9.d3 f5 10.♘c3 ♘d4 11.♗g2 ♘f6= was already quite nice for Black in Sitnikov,Anton 2506 - Kasparov,Sergey 2521, Donetsk 2011

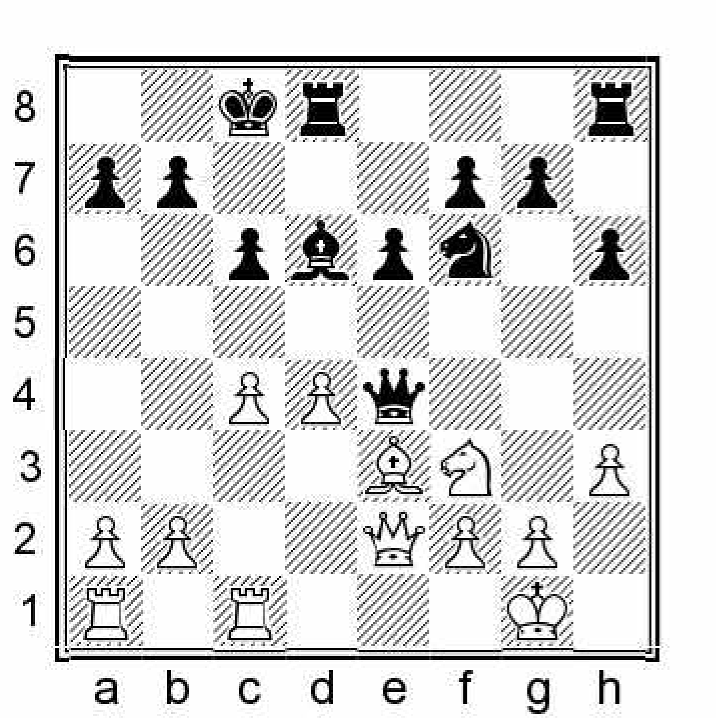
8...♘e5 It makes sense to eliminate White's bishop pair.

8...e5 9.♖e1 ♘f6 10.b4 ♗d6 11.d3 ♕f5 12.♕a4± proved to be very dangerous in Vachier-Lagrave,Maxime 2742 - Papaioannou,Ioannis 2639, Warszawa 2013

9.d4 ♘xf3+ 10.♕xf3 ♘f6

10...♕d5 is also possible, and also give very little advantage for White.

11.♘d2 ♕d5 12.♕e2 e6 13.♘f3 ♗d6 14.c4 ♕e4 15.♗e3 c6 16.♖fc1 h6∞



At this point position was OK for Black as in Agopov,Mikael 2424 - Galyas,Miklos 2493, Deutschland 2017

d) 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.♘c3

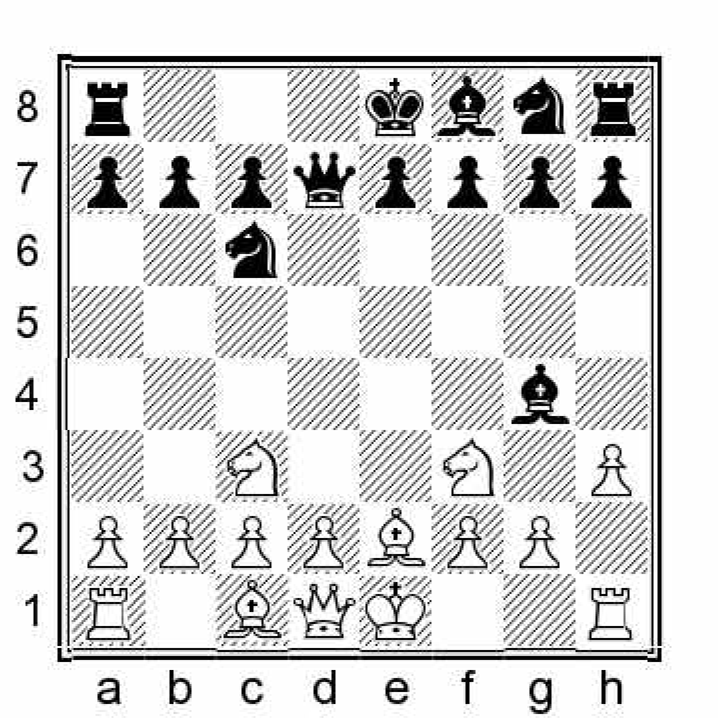
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘f3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.♘c3 This move deserves special coverage, if only because it was used in a sensational win against Magnus Carlsen.

5...♕d7 6.h3 As is the case after 5.0-0, this is White's main move here.

6.b4 O-O-O 7.O-O e5 8.♖b1 f5 9.d3 ♘f6 10.♗e3 e4!∓ put White in trouble in the game Sethuraman,SP 2535 - Papaioannou,Ioannis 2597, Kavala 2012

6.d4 e6 (6...O-O-O is strongly met by 7.d5 ♘b4 8.♘e5 ♗xe2 9.♕xe2, forcing the retrograde 9...♕e8) 7.h3 ♗h5 (7...♗xf3 8.♗xf3 ♘xd4 seems possible, for example: 9.♗xb7 ♖b8 10.♗a6 ♘f6↑ with active piece play for Black.) 8.♘e5 ♘xe5 9.♗xh5 ♘g6 10.a3 ♘f6 11.♗f3 c6 12.O-O ♗d6∞ gave Black a solid game in Tsydypov,Zhamsaran 2529 - Nakamura,Hikaru 2746, Saint Petersburg (blitz) 2018

6.O-O O-O-O 7.d3 e5 8.a3 f6 9.b4 ♘ge7 10.♘e4 ♗xf3 11.♗xf3 ♘d4= was fine for Black in Lupulescu,Constantin 2543 - Ardelean,George-Catalin 2447, Sozina 2004



6...♗xf3! As usual this is Black's clearest and most direct response to White's h3...

... and as usual he has alternatives in 6...♗h5 and 6...♗f5

7.♗xf3 O-O-O 8.O-O ♘d4

8...e5 has also had some high level support, for example: 9.d3 f5 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.a3 ♘f6 12.b4 ♘d4= gave Black good play in Morozevich, Alexander 2750 - Kramnik,Vladimir 2772, Moscow (blitz) 2009

9.a4!? An interesting attempt to drum up play on the queenside.

9.d3 e6 10.♗e3 ♘e7 11.♗xd4 ♕xd4= was equal in Vachier-Lagrave,Maxime 2721 - Tiviakov,Sergei 2637, Hoogeveen 2010

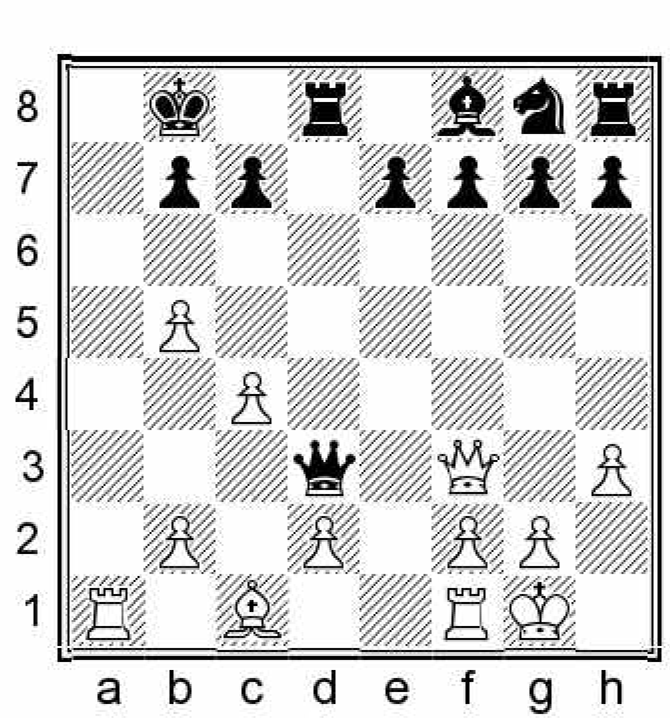
9...♔b8 10.♘b5 ♘xf3+ 11.♕xf3 a6 12.c4?!

12.♘a3; 12.♘c3

12...axb5!

12...e5?! was played in Supi,Luis Paulo 2572 - Carlsen,Magnus 2863, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020 - 144/25

13.axb5 ♕d3!∓



This leaves White with inadequate compensation for the sacrificed piece.

e) 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♗e3 & 4.c3

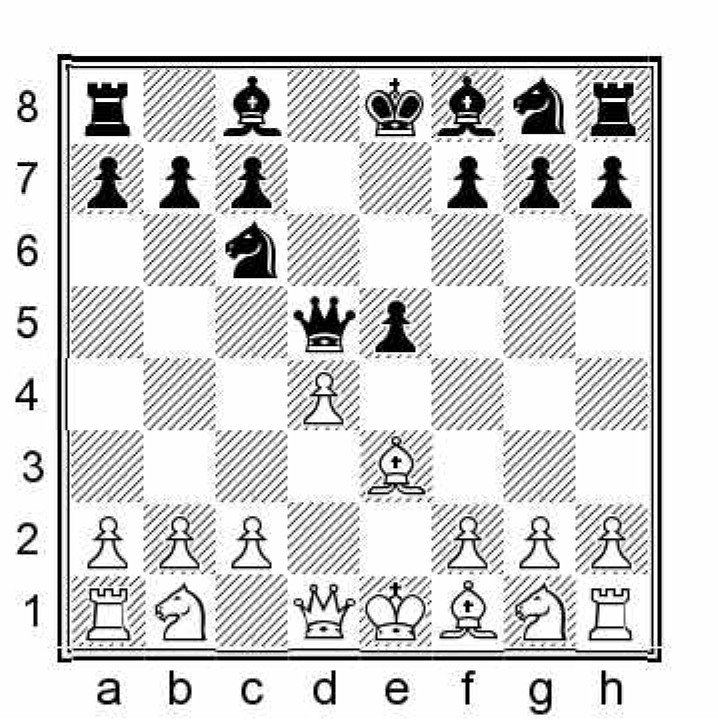
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.d4

This will usually come to the same thing as 3.♘f3, but it does have some independent significance.

3...♘c6 4.♗e3

White has also played 4.c3 after which 4...e5 5.♘f3 (5.dxe5 ♕xd1+ 6.♔xd1 ♘xe5∓ would be excellent for Black.) 5...exd4 6.cxd4 ♗g4 7.♗e2 ♗b4+ 8.♘c3 ♗xf3 9.♗xf3 ♕c4= transposes into a line of the Scotch Gambit, known to be fine for Black.

4...e5



5.♘c3

Other moves are every bit as innocuous, for example: 5.c4 ♕a5+ 6.♗d2 ♗b4= was Varga,Zoltan 2495 - Savic,Miodrag R 2498, Bosna i Hercegovina 2002

5.♘f3 ♗g4 6.♗e2 exd4 7.♘c3 ♗b4 8.O-O ♕h5 9.♘xd4 ♗d6= gave Black good play in Lund,Gunnar 2228 - Djurhuus,Rune 2457, Norge 2019

5...♗b4 6.♕d2

White's best is probably 6.♘f3 after which 6...♗xc3+ 7.bxc3 e4 8.♘d2 ♘f6= is very comfortable for Black.

On the other hand 6.a3 is rather bad for White after 6...♗xc3+ 7.bxc3 ♘f6 8.h3 (8.c4 ♕a5+ 9.♗d2 ♕a4 10.d5 ♘d4 11.♗d3 e4∓) 8...♗f5 intending ...0-0-0

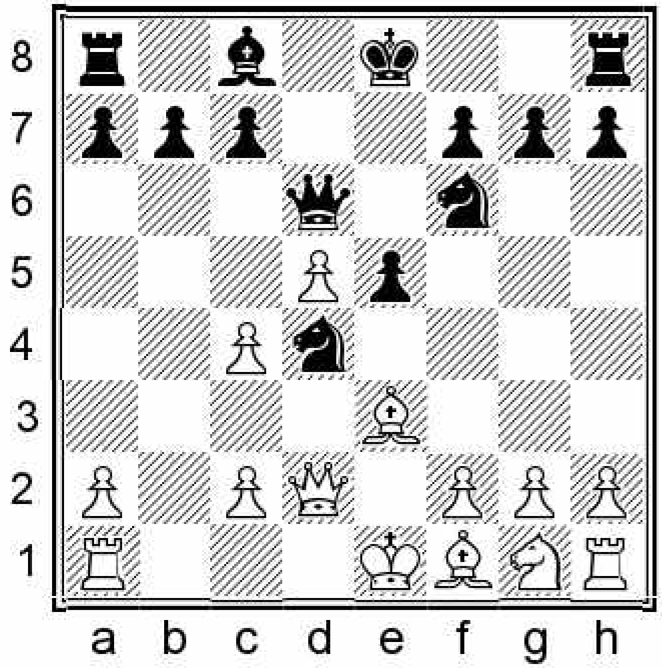
6...♗xc3

6...♕a5 is less good, White more or less escaping from his plight with 7.dxe5 ♘ge7 8.a3 ♗xc3 (Or 8...♗f5 9.♘f3 ♖d8 10.♗d3=, preparing to castle short.) 9.♕xc3 ♕xc3+ 10.bxc3 ♘xe5 11.O-O-O=, with approximate equality in the endgame.

7.bxc3 ♘f6 8.c4

8.dxe5 is well met by 8...♘xe5, for example 9.O-O-O ♕xd2+ 10.♖xd2 ♗e6 11.♗d4 ♘ed7= intending 12...c5, leaves Black with a nice structural edge.

8...♕d6 9.d5 ♘d4=



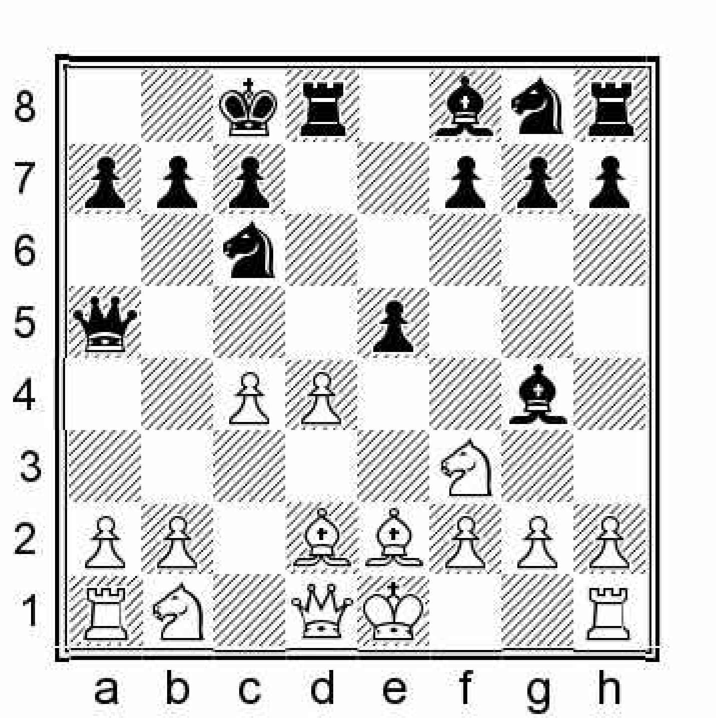
Gave Black a nice game in Thorhallsson,Throstur 2499 - Forster,Richard 2468, Bermuda 1999

f) 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.♗e3

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 O-O-O 6.♗e3 e5 This has become established as the main line for Black, immediately striking in the centre.

There is an interesting alternative in 6...♘h6!?, aiming to come to f5. After 7.c4 There follows (7.♘bd2 ♘f5 8.c4 ♕d6 9.d5 ♘xe3 10.fxe3 ♗xf3 11.♗xf3 ♘e5∓ was already better for Black in Sohlmann,Jan-Henning 2253 - Geske,Julian 2390, Schwaebisch Gmuend 2013) 7...♕a5+ 8.♘c3 (8.♗d2 ♕f5 9.d5 ♗xf3 10.♗xf3 ♘e5∞ would leave Black for choice.) 8...♘f5 9.d5 ♘xe3 10.fxe3 e6 11.♘g5 ♗xe2 12.♕xe2 ♘e5= was fine for Black in Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2601 - Kogan,Artur 2540, La Habana 2002

7.c4 ♕a5+ 8.♗d2

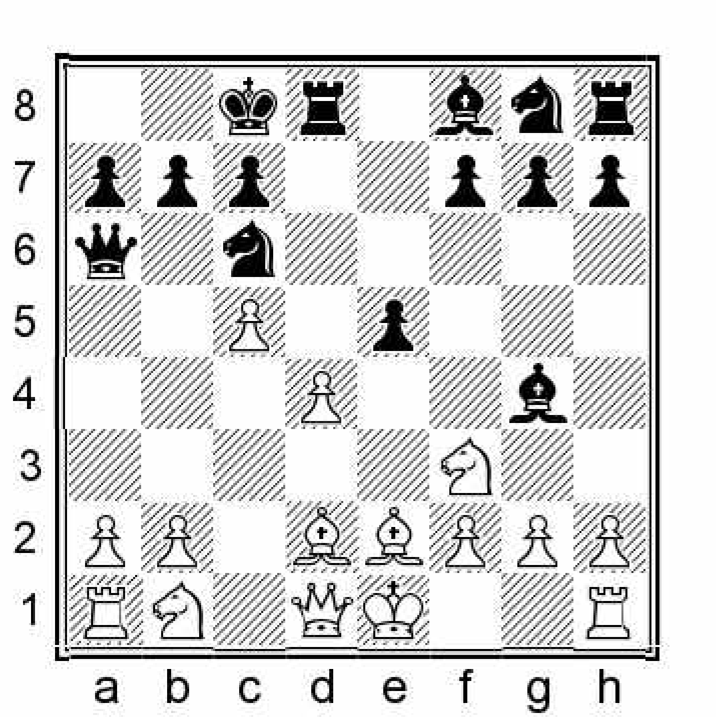


8...♕a6! Although humans might balk at having the queen on the same diagonal as the bishop on e2, engines indicate that this is Black's best.

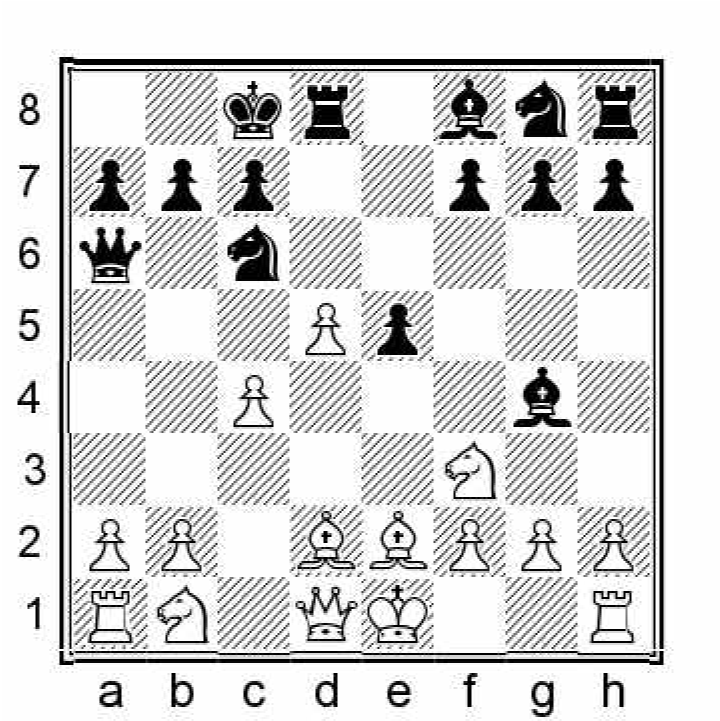
8...♗b4 9.d5 ♗xf3 10.♗xf3 ♘d4 11.♘c3 ♕a6! 12.b3 ♕a5 (12...♕g6 13.O-O ♘f6= also seems fine, for example Vujic,Mihailo 2311 - Reprintsev, Alexander 2353, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2022) 13.♖c1 f5 14.O-O ♘f6= was about equal at this point in Leko,Peter 2751 - Ivanchuk,Vassily 2779, Mukachevo (m/6-rapid) 2009 - 105/24

9.d5

The point behind Black's last move is that 9.c5 can be met by



9...♗xf3! (The immediate 9...b5 can be met by 10.cxb6 (10.d5 ♗xf3!? 11.♗xf3 ♘d4 12.b4∞) 10...♕xb6 11.dxe5 ♗xf3 12.♗xf3±, avoiding the shattering of his pawn structure.) 10.gxf3 (10.♗xf3 ♘xd4 is unthinkable for White.) 10...b5 11.d5 (11.cxb6 ♕xb6 12.dxe5 ♗c5∓ gives Black excellent play.) 11...♘d4 12.c6 ♘f6! (Even stronger than 12...♖xd5 13.♘c3 ♖d8 14.a4 ♕xc6 15.axb5 ♕b7∓, as in Dorfanis,Ilarion 2207 - Nikomanis,Andreas 2019, Greece 2008 - 106/(191)) 13.♘c3 ♕b6!∓ leaves White in serious trouble.



9...♗xf3! An important point behind Black's last move.

After 9...♘b4?! 10.♕b3±, Black would find himself in trouble.

10.♗xf3

10.gxf3 is no improvement, for example 10...♘d4 11.♖g1 g6∓ was nice for Black in Panagiotakopoulos,Gerasimos 2210 - Azis,Azizis Ektoros 2227, Greece 2013

10...♘d4 11.♗e2

Protecting the c-pawn is necessary as after 11.O-O ♕xc4 12.♘c3 ♘f6∓ White was a pawn down for nothing in Cruz Arias,Juan 2277 - Hasangatin,Ramil 2479, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020

White could also do this with 11.b3, though Black has an excellent game after 11...f5 12.♗c3 (Or 12.♘c3 ♘f6) 12...c5! etc..

11...♘f6

11...c6!? is also possible.

12.♘c3

12.O-O ♘xe2+ 13.♕xe2 ♖xd5!∓ left White struggling to recover his lost pawn in Lauridsen,Jesper

Morch 2208 - Reprintsev,Alexander 2353, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2022

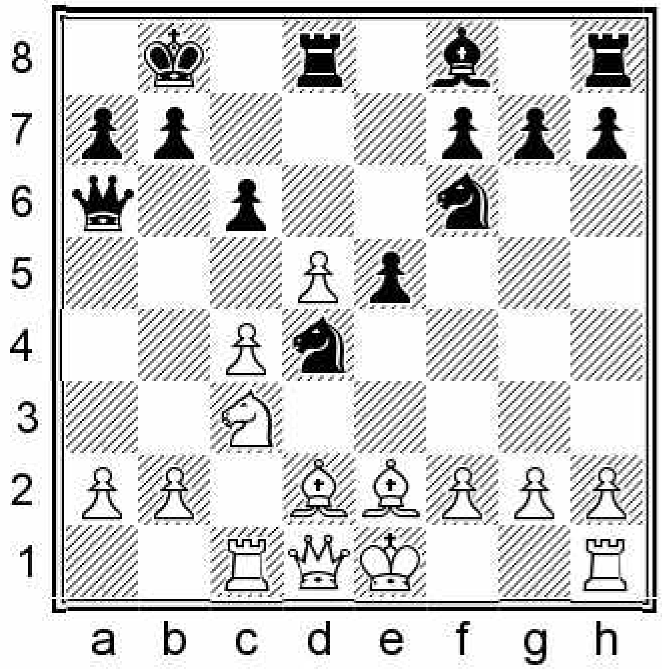
12...c6

12...♗b4!? seems just as good, for example: 13.O-O (13.a3 can be met by 13...♖he8, as after 14.axb4 there follows 14...♕xa1 15.♕xa1 ♘c2+ 16.♔f1 ♘xa1 17.♗d1 c6 18.♔e2 b5↑, Black gaining a strong initiative while White spends time trying to win the knight on a1.) 13...♗xc3 14.♗xc3 ♘xe2+ (14...♖xd5 15.cxd5 ♘xe2+ 16.♔h1 ♖d8∞ is also worth considering.) 15.♕xe2 ♖xd5 16.♖fe1 ♖d7 17.♗xe5 ♖e8= was about equal at this point in Mirzanurov,Bulat 2238 - Reprintsev, Alexander 2353, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021

13.♖c1

13.dxc6 ♕xc6 14.O-O ♗c5 also gives Black excellent piece play.

13...♔b8∓



Black already had the better position as in Fleites Marti,Yuleikys 2206 - Perez Garcia,Rodney 2436, Toluca 2009 - 106/(191)

g) 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.c4

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.d4 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♗e2 O-O-O 6.c4

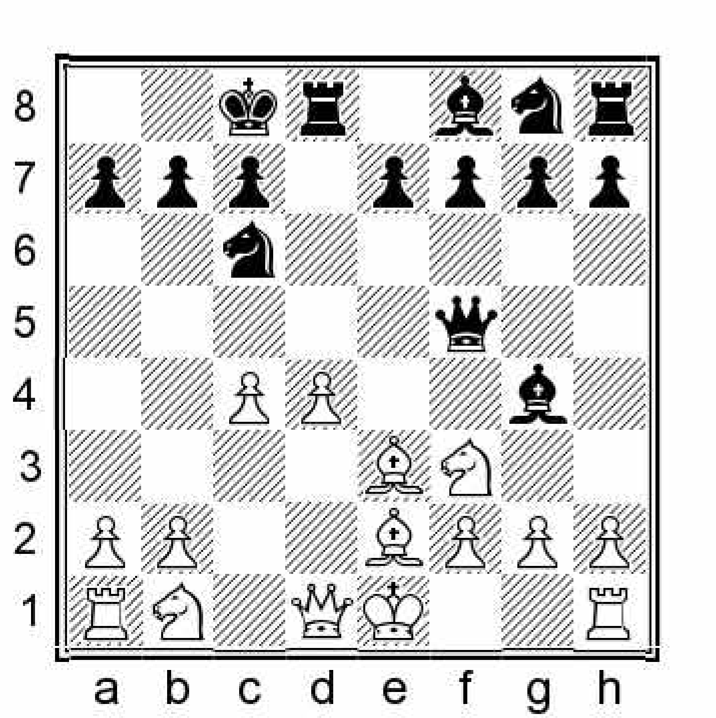
Setting up a d4/ c4 pawn duo without further delay.

6...♕f5

Other moves have not done as well for Black, for example: 6...♕h5 is covered in Meijers,Viesturs 2415 - Djurhuus,Rune 2460, Biel (open) 1993 - 58/119

6...♕d7 was played in Becerra Rivero,Julio 2544 - Sarkar,Justin 2418, USA (ch) 2007 - 100/44

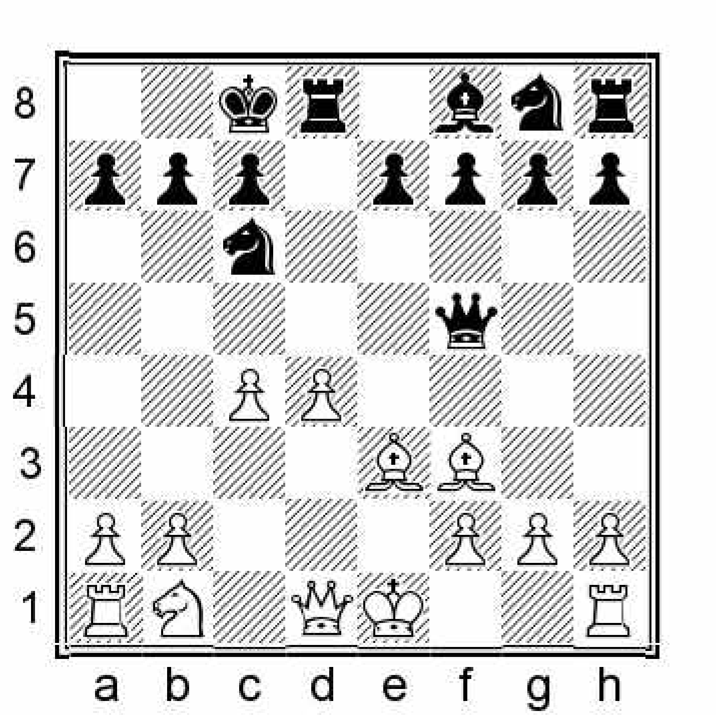
7.♗e3



7...♗xf3! The sharpest and most precise treatment, which is based on a neat tactical trick.

7...♘f6 has also been played but leaves White's pawn centre intact.

8.♗xf3



8...♘xd4! This is the point behind Black's previous move, he will recover the piece and go a pawn up. However, White gets some compensation because of the insecure position of Black's king.

9.♗xd4

After 9.♗g4 ♘c2+! 10.♕xc2 ♕xg4 11.O-O e6 White had very little compensation in Van Osch,Mees 2288 - Chanda,Sandipan 2593, Hoogeveen 2016

9...♕e6+ 10.♗e2 ♕e4

Black has a major alternative in 10...c5 for example: 11.O-O (Alternatives are: 11.♕a4 cxd4 12.♕xa7 ♕e5∓, as in Baron,Tal 2455 - Kurajica,Bojan 2529, Rijeka 2010;, 11.♕c2 cxd4 12.O-O ♘f6∓ as in Milov,Leonid 2562 - Pitl,Gregory 2405, Sants 2009; and 11.♘c3 cxd4 12.♘d5 ♕d6 13.♕xd4 e6 14.♕xa7 exd5∓ as in Jurkovic,Ante 2318 - Nevednichy,Vladislav 2538, Bizovac 2008. Black is better in each case.) 11...♘f6! More flexible than an immediate capture on d4. 12.♘a3 ♖xd4 13.♕c2 a6∓ gave White very little for the pawn in Baghdasaryan,Vahe 2436 - Tsoi, Dmitry 2361, Moscow 2018

Burgess ("An Idiot Proof Opening Repertoire") points out that 10...♘f6 is another possibility, and it does seem very reasonable. After 11.♕a4 ♖xd4 12.♕xa7 ♕b6 13.♕xb6 (13.♕a8+ ♔d7 14.♕a4+ c6∓ is even better for Black.) 13...cxb6 14.♘c3 e6= is about equal in the endgame.

11.O-O

11.♘c3 ♕xd4 12.♕xd4 ♖xd4 13.♘b5 ♖d8 14.♘xa7+ ♔b8 15.♘b5 e6∓ is just very comfortable for Black, for example Polasek, Jaroslav 2339 - Neckar,Lubomir 2293, Cesko 2018

And 11.♕a4 ♕xd4 12.O-O transposes back into the main line.

11...♕xd4 12.♕a4 e6

12...♕xb2 seems too dangerous after 13.♕xa7 e6 (And not 13...♕xa1 14.♕a8+ ♔d7 15.♖d1++-; or 13...♕xe2 14.♘c3+-) 14.♗f3±, with Black's king in deadly peril.

13.♘c3 ♕b6 This novelty seems to be Black's best.

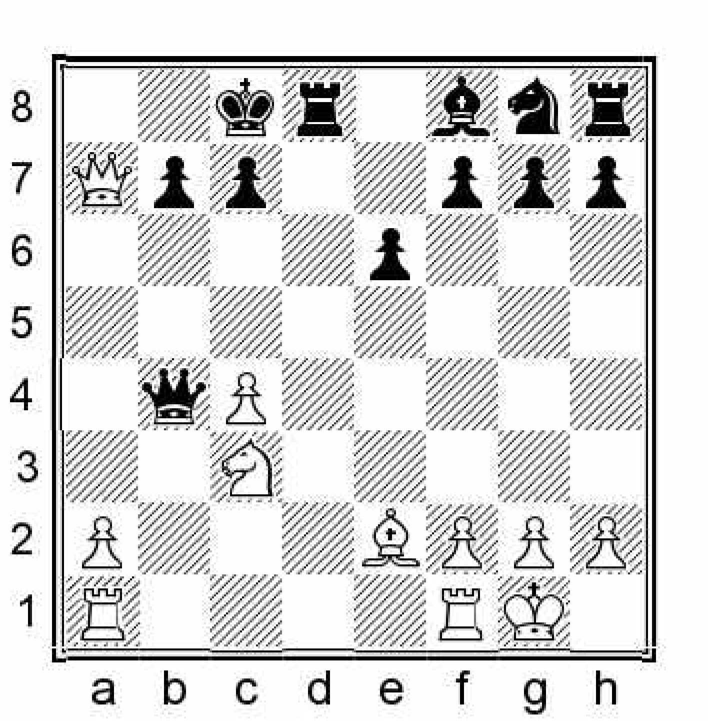
13...♗d6 14.♘b5 ♕e5! 15.♘xd6+ cxd6 16.♗f3↑ gives White lasting pressure against Black's king, as in Milov,Leonid 2495 - Lauer,Moritz 2355, Deutschland 2014

14.b4

White has tried other moves, for example: 14.♖ad1 ♖xd1 15.♖xd1 ♘f6∞ was Brandenburg,Daan 2435 - Tiviakov,Sergei 2634, Hilversum 2008 - 103/60

14.♖ab1 seems well met by 14...♕a6 15.♕c2 ♗b4

14...♕xb4 15.♕xa7



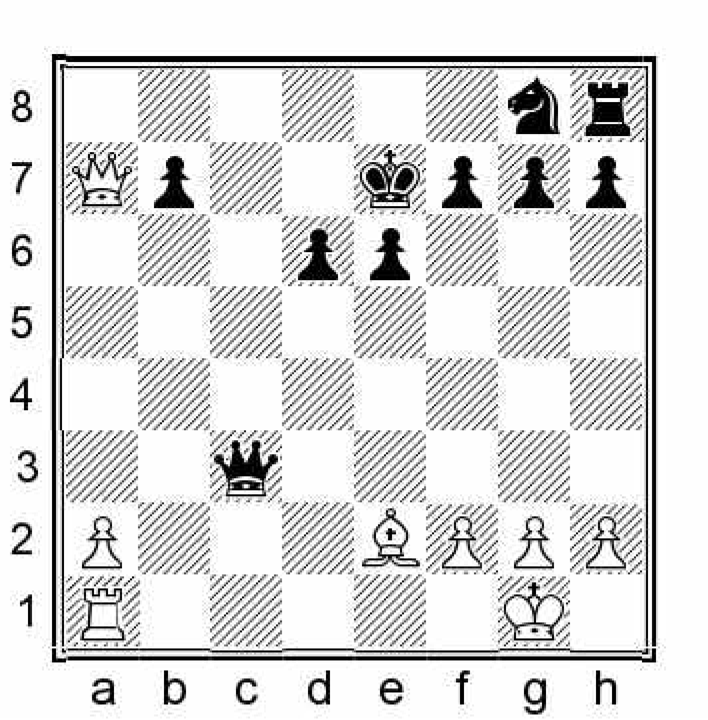
15...♗c5! Another precise move in this sharp line.

15...♕xc3 16.♗f3 ♗d6 (16...♕xc4?? 17.♕xb7+ ♔d7 18.♖ac1+- was Zeberski,Jakub 2437 - Pfeiffer, Georg 2110, Deutschland 2007 - 103/(60)) 17.♖fd1± was clearly very precarious for Black in Heberla,Bartolomiej 2556 - Konopka,Michal 2364, Cesko 2019, though maybe he can defend with 17...♔d7 18.c5 ♔e7

16.♕a8+ ♔d7 17.♖fd1+ ♗d6 18.♕a7 ♕xc3 This gets a nod of approval from the engine.

18...♔e7= is Haba,Petr 2502 - Milov,Leonid 2515, Deutschland 2012 - 114/31

19.c5 ♔e7 20.cxd6+ ♖xd6 21.♖xd6 cxd6∓



This move left Black better in Lyell,Mark 2202 - Juhasz,Armin 2254, Budapest 2014

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ALAPIN SICILIAN

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DEVELOPMENTS

2.c3 d5 3.ed5 ♘f6!?

Over many years and vast experience of playing the Sicilian with the black pieces I was quite often facing a dilemma what to play against the Alapin. Of course, the Alapin is neither topical nor critical test of the Sicilian Defence, but an experienced and knowledgeable player can pose huge problems from the white side. The variation we are about to explore a bit deeper in this article is yet to be investigated in detail.

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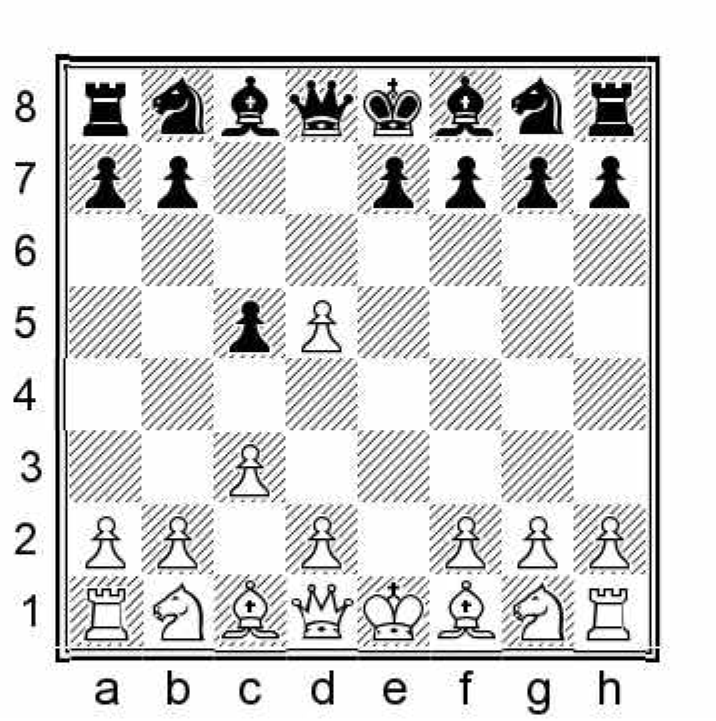
Nevertheless, it was played in games that featured some elite players, and I also tried the variation in some of my own tournament and rapid games. After 2.c3 d5 3.ed5 Black plays 3...♘f6, thus opting for gambit play and sacrifice of the central pawn. In return he obtains a highly active piece play, and is sometimes froced to sacrifice another pawn, an exchange, or even a whole rook in order to maintain the initiative! The rationale for this variation from Black's standpoint is the ensuing character of play which is usually totally opposite to the one White planned to achieve with his 2.c3.

Now, let's check some critical lines!

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5

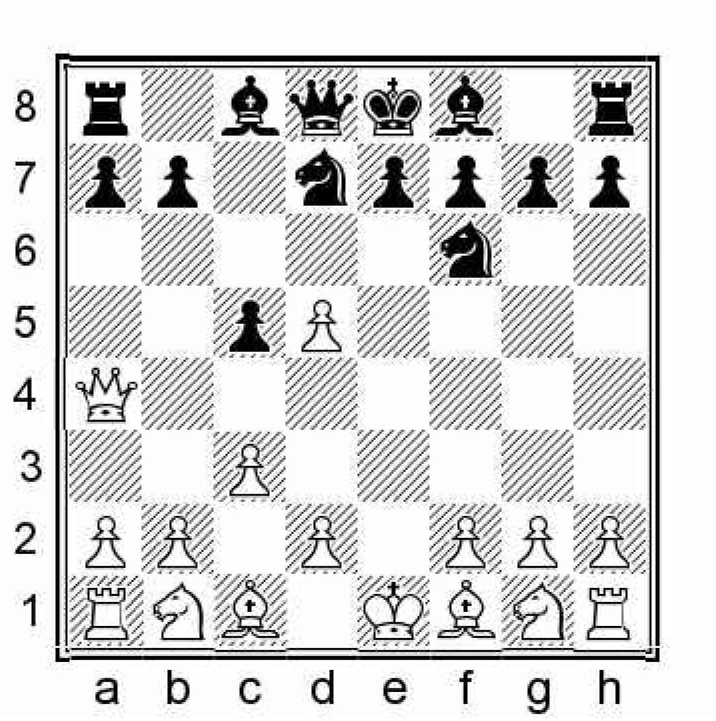


3...♘f6!?

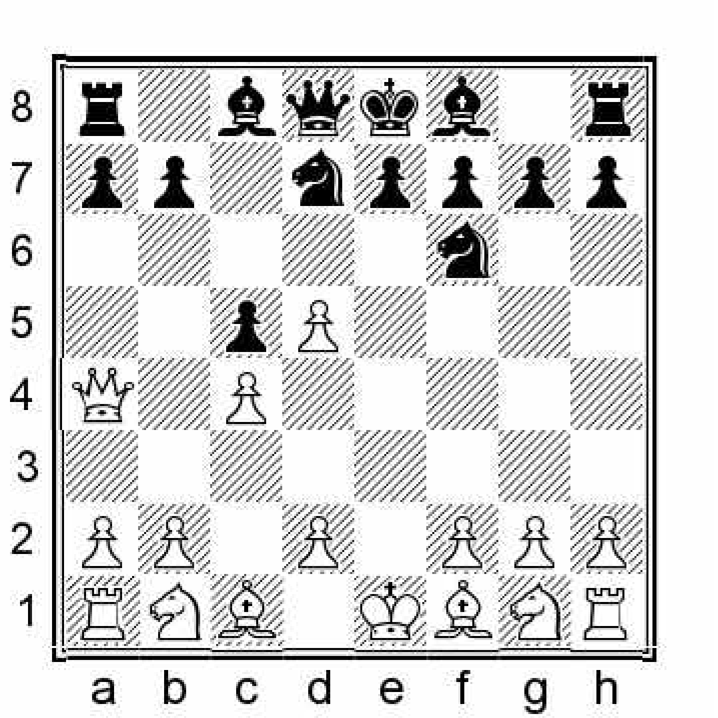
The first major crossroads. White can be principled and fight for the pawn with 4. Bb5, 4.Qa4 and 4.c4. Also, he can proceed in a more standard way with 4.d4 or 4.Nf3. In that case Black takes on d5 with his knight, and he does not experience any problems in contrast to the 3...Qd5 variation where his queen is exposed to attack.

4.♗b5+

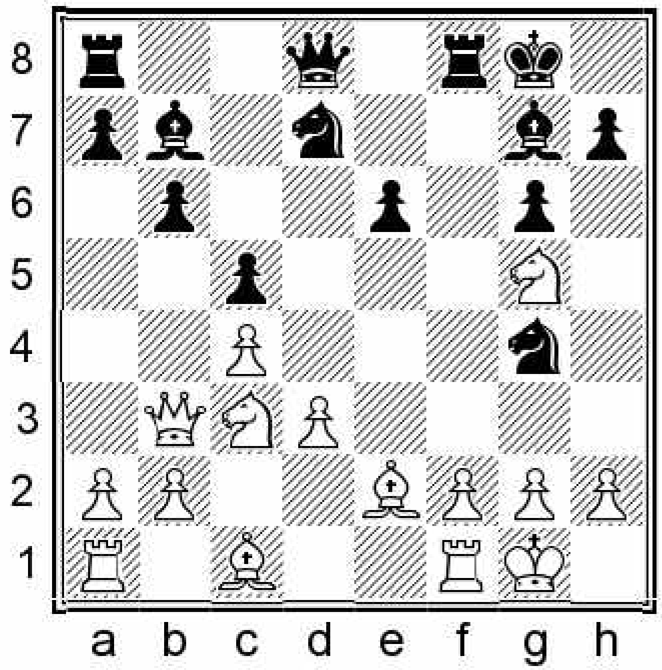
4.♕a4+ ♘bd7



5.c4

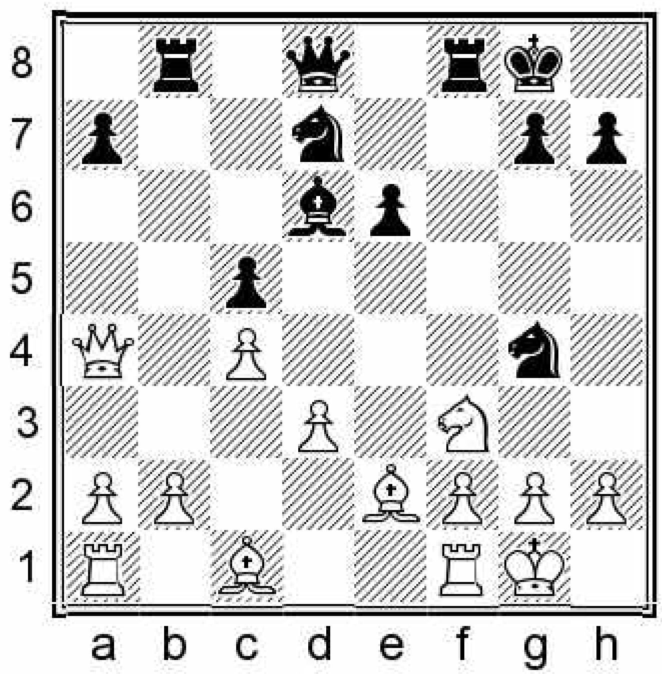


(The alternative way to protect the pawn is 5.♕b3 g6 White stopped the e6-push, so Black must fianchetto his dark-squared bishop. 6.♘f3 ♗g7 7.♗e2 O-O 8.O-O b6 9.d3 (After the logical 9.d4 Black returns the pawn. 9...♗b7 10.c4 cxd4 11.♘xd4 ♘xd5!∞; 9.c4 ♗b7 10.♘c3 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.d4 cxd4 13.♘xd4 ♘c5 14.♕d1 ♕e7∞) 9...♗b7 10.c4 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.♘c3 ♘g4=∞ Black has a full compensation for the sacrificed pawn, and all of his pieces are ideally placed. Of course, White's position is healthy and the real fight is ahead of us. If White's goes for the careless try to punish Black with 13.♘g5



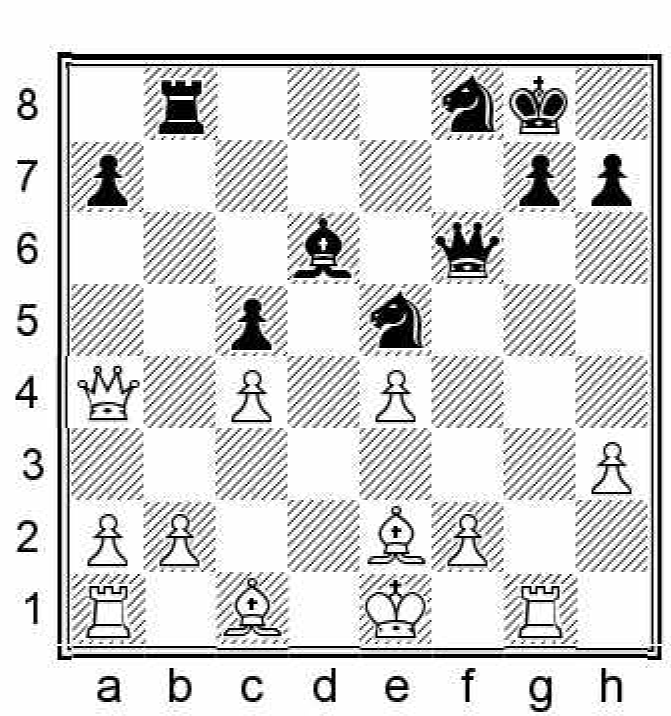
13...♘xf2! 14.♖xf2 (14.♘xe6 ♕h4-+; 14.♗e3 ♕e7! Stay cool! 15.♖xf2 ♗d4! 16.♗xd4 ♕xg5∓) 14...♗d4 15.♘d1 (15.♘ce4?! ♗xe4 16.♘xe4 ♖xf2 17.♘xf2 ♕h4 18.g3 ♕f6 19.♗f4 g5∓) 15...♖xf2 16.♘xf2 ♕f6 17.♗f3 ♘e5! 18.♕d1 ♖f8 19.♔h1 ♗xf3 20.♘xf3 ♗xf2∞; 5.d4 ♘xd5 6.dxc5 e6 7.b4 g6

8.♘f3 ♗g7⯹; 5.♘f3 ♘xd5=) 5...b5! One more clever sacrifice! Quite an extraordinary position in the Alapin after only 5 moves! Now, Black opens the b-file and develops his rook with a gain of tempo. Also, he frees the b7-square from his light-squared bishop. 6.♕xb5 ♖b8 7.♕a4 e6 8.dxe6 fxe6 It is time to take the stock after 8 moves. Black sacrificed two pawns and got three semi-open files, two long diagonals (a8-h1 and b8-h2) in return. So, he is able to improve his bishop and three already developed pieces. At the same time, White won some material, but is seriously lagging in development. 9.♘f3 A more precise move order for White. (If White develops his queenside knight first 9.♘c3 then after 9...♗b7 he will experience problems with development on the kingside. 10.d3 ♗d6 11.♘f3 (11.h3 The idea of the h3-move is to take away the g4-square from the black knight and proceed with development with Be3 and 0-0-0. 11...O-O 12.♗e3 ♘e5 13.O-O-O ♖f7!?⯹ with the idea of Bc6, transferring the rook on the b-file. (13...♘c6⯹ with the Nd4 idea.)) 11...♗xf3! 12.gxf3 O-O⯹ with the idea of Ne5 and Nh5.) 9...♗b7 10.♗e2 ♗d6 11.d3 O-O 12.♘c3 (Premature is 12.O-O?! ♘g4! 13.♘bd2 (13.h3? ♗xf3 14.♗xf3 ♘h2∓) 13...♗xf3 14.♘xf3



14...♖xf3! 15.♗xf3 ♗xh2+ 16.♔h1 ♘de5 The threat being Qh4 followed by checkmate. 17.g3 ♘xf3 18.♕c6 ♘d4 (18...♘ge5 19.♕xe6+ ♔h8∞) 19.♕e4 h5↑) 12...♘g4 (12...♘e5 13.♘xe5 ♗xe5 14.O-O ♘h5! 15.♗xh5 ♕h4 16.h3 ♕xh5 17.♘e4 ♗xe4 18.dxe4 ♖f6=) 13.h3 (13.♗g5 ♗e7 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♕xa7 (Careless is 15.h3?! allowing a swift punishment. 15...♗xf3 16.♗xf3 ♘xf2!∓ 17.♔xf2? ♖xb2+ 18.♘e2 ♕h4+ 19.♔e3 ♕g5+ 20.♔f2 ♘e5-+) 15...♕d6⯹ The white king must stay in the centre and cannot escape on any flank. Black is threatening Nde5 or Bf3 followed by Rb2.; 13.♘e4 ♗xe4 14.dxe4 ♘de5 15.♘xe5 ♘xf2 16.♕d7□ ♗xe5 17.♕xe6+ ♔h8 18.♕xe5 ♘xh1 The threat is Qh4, so White must prevent it with 19.♗g5 ♕a5+ 20.♗d2 ♕d8=) 13...♘ge5 (Interesting positions occur after 13...♘xf2!?) 14.♘g5 (14.♘xe5 ♘xe5 15.O-O ♗c7 Black will create a strong battery with Qd6. 16.♘b5 ♕e8 17.♕d1 White brings his queen back in defence, while attacking the black c7-bishop. 17...♘f3+ Even though all of the black pieces are aiming at the white king, Black cannot achieve more than a draw. 18.♗xf3 ♗xf3 19.gxf3 ♕g6+ 20.♔h1 ♕h5 21.♔g2 ♕g6+ 22.♔h1 ♕h5=) 14...♗xg2

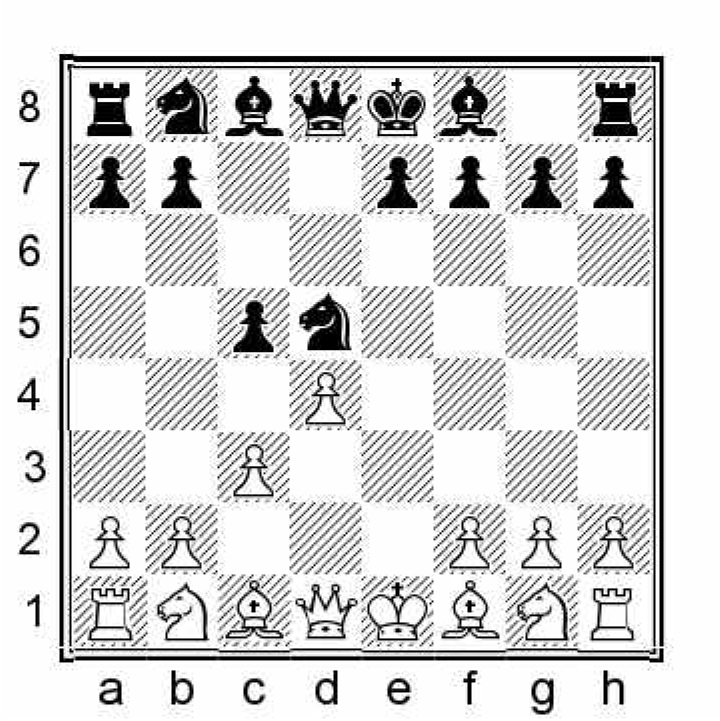
15.♖g1 (15.♘xe6? ♕h4 16.♘xf8 ♖xf8-+) 15...♗f3 16.♘xe6 ♕f6 17.♘xf8 (17.♖xg7+ ♔h8 18.♘xf8 ♕xg7 19.♘xd7 Black has a choice here and can opt for a drawish conclusion, or for attack on the white king. 19...♕g1+ (19...♘xd3+ 20.♗xd3 ♕g1+ 21.♗f1 ♖e8+ 22.♗e3 ♖xe3+ 23.fxe3 ♕xe3+ 24.♘e2 ♗g3+ 25.♔d1 ♕d3+ 26.♔c1 ♕e3+=) 20.♔d2 ♘c6→) 17...♘xf8 18.♘e4 ♗xe4 19.dxe4



19...♘e6⩱ centralised knights, open files towards the white king secure a full compensation for Black.

4.c4 White defends the pawn, but leaves the d4-square and d-pawn permanently weak. 4...e6 5.dxe6 ♗xe6 6.♘c3 (After the careless 6.♘f3 Black takes back the pawn right away: 6...♕e7) 6...♘c6 7.♗e2 ♕c7 Black is intending to castle long, while the queen is eyeballing the h2-square, having in mind Ng4 and Nd4 idea. (7...g5!? is an interesting move, worthy of deeper analysis. Black is fighting for the d4-square.) 8.♘f3 O-O-O 9.O-O a6 Important move which prevents Nb5 and secures the queen's position on c7. 10.♖e1 ♔b8 11.♗f1 ♗e7⩱ Black played all the necessary developing and preparatory moves and is now ready for the kingside initiative.

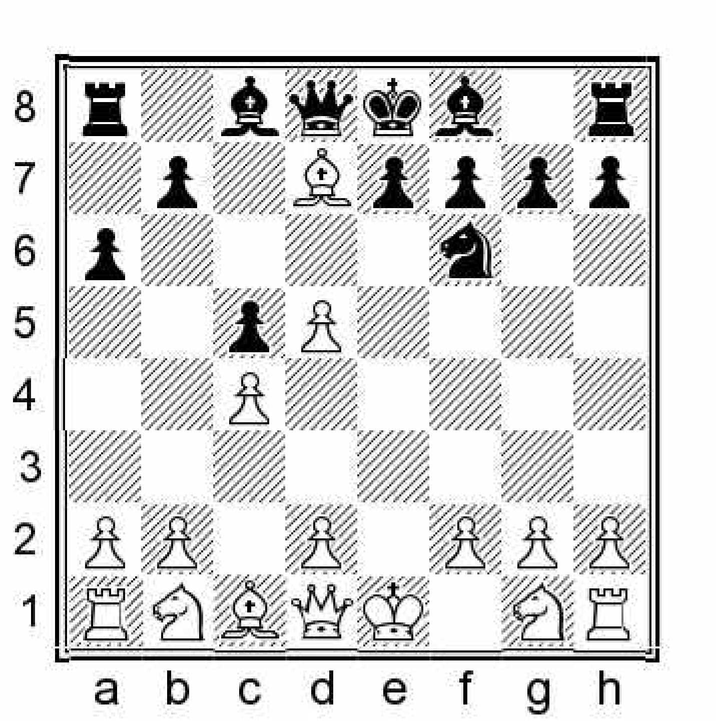
4.d4 ♘xd5



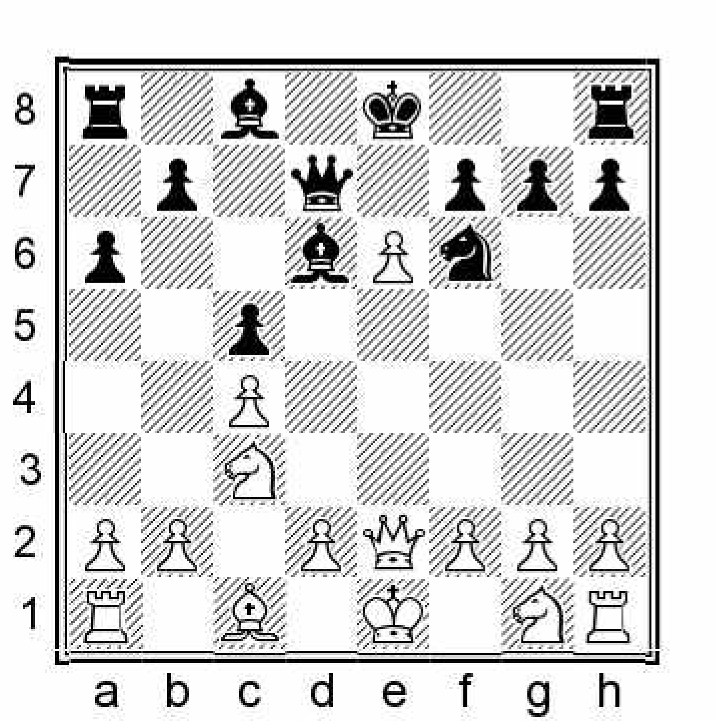
5.♘f3 (5.dxc5 e6 6.c4 (White cannot keep the pawn after 6.b4?! because of the undermining 6...a5!∓ and White will not be able to keep his queenside pawn mass intact.; 6.♘f3 ♗xc5 7.♗d3 b6 8.O-O ♗b7∞ Black positioned his pieces in the most harmonious way. After Nd7, 0-0 he should be able to to fight for the initiative.) 6...♘b4! 7.a3 ♕xd1+ 8.♔xd1 ♘4c6 9.♗e3 (9.♘c3 ♗xc5=) 9...♘d7 10.b4 a5 11.b5 ♘ce5↑) 5...cxd4 6.♘xd4 (6.♕xd4 ♘c6 7.♗b5 e6 8.O-O ♗d7 9.♕e4 ♗e7=) 6...e5 7.♗b5+ (7.♘b5 The threat is Qd5. 7...♗e6 8.♗c4 ♘f4 9.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 10.♗xe6 ♘xe6= Shevchenko, Kirill 2592 - Lagarde,Maxime 2651, europe-echecs.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 7...♗d7 8.♕e2 ♕e7 9.♘f3 (9.♗xd7+ ♘xd7 10.♘f3 (10.♘b5?! a6∓ Jaksland, Tim 2203 - Warmerdam,Max 2599, Reykjavik 2022) 10...♕e6 11.O-O ♗c5∞; 9.♘f5 ♕f6 10.♘e3 ♘f4 11.♘g4 ♘xe2 12.♘xf6+ gxf6 13.♗xd7+ ♔xd7 14.♔xe2 ♔e6= followed by Nc6 and Black completes development being ready to push forward his central pawn (f5, e4).) 9...♗xb5 10.♕xb5+ ♕d7 11.♕e2 f6 12.O-O ♘c6∞

4...♘bd7 5.d4

5.c4 a6 6.♗xd7+ (6.♗a4 b5! with a familiar motif. 7.cxb5 ♘xd5 8.♘f3 ♘5b6 9.♗c2 axb5∞)



6...♕xd7!? An interesting decision. Black is planning to undermine White's centre by means of e6 and b5, thus allowing his queen to exert pressure on the d-file. At the same time, the bishop should prove to be extremely strong on b7. 7.♘c3 (7.d4 e6 8.dxe6 (8.♗e3?! exd5 9.dxc5 dxc4∓ Grandelius,Nils 2656 - Carlsen, Magnus 2824, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2022) 8...♕xe6+ 9.♘e2 ♗d6 Black is in no rush to take back the pawn, so he proceeds with development. 10.O-O O-O 11.d5 ♕g4 12.b3 ♕h4 13.f4 (13.♗f4 ♗xf4 14.g3 ♗xg3 15.hxg3 ♕h3∞) 13...♖e8=∞ The bishop pair and weak squares on the e-file guarantee Black a full compensation.) 7...e6 8.dxe6 (8.♕e2 ♗d6 9.dxe6



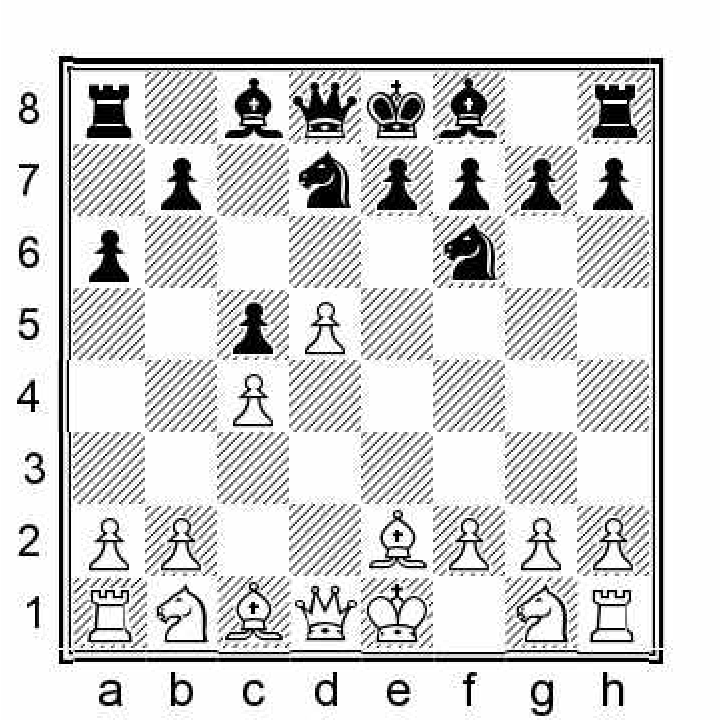
9...♕c6! An excellent move - fighting for the initiative. 10.♕f3 (10.exf7+?! ♔xf7 11.♕f3 ♖e8+ 12.♔f1 ♗e6 13.d3 ♕b6→ Black is intending to move his king to g8 and free the f-file for the rooks. Soon enough his attack will become a very serious threat for the white king.; 10.♘f3 ♗xe6 11.d3 O-O

12.O-O ♗g4=∞) 10...♕c7 11.exf7+ ♔xf7 12.h3 Prophylaxis aimed against Bg4. 12...b5! Of course, Black must not stop! 13.d3 (13.♕xa8 ♖e8+ 14.♘ge2 ♗b7 15.♕xe8+ ♔xe8 16.O-O bxc4⩱) 13...♗b7 14.♘d5 ♗xd5 15.cxd5 ♖hf8 16.♘e2 ♔g8 17.O-O ♘d7 18.♕e3 ♖ae8 19.♕d2 ♘f6 20.♘f4 ♕b7=∞) 8...♕xe6+ 9.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 10.♘gxe2 ♗f5 11.b3 (11.d4 cxd4 12.♘xd4 ♗d3 Black recoups the pawn and keeps the bishop pair. 13.b3? ♗b4⩱) 11...O-O-O 12.♗b2 ♗d6=∞ followed by Rhe8, Bd3 and b5. White is a pawn up, but it is a backward pawn on d2. After the activation of the last piece (Rhe8), and placing the bishop on d3 Black surely has more than enough compensation for the sacrificed pawn.

5...a6 6.♗e2 ♘xd5 7.c4

7.♘f3 e6 8.c4 ♘5f6 9.♘c3 cxd4 10.♕xd4 ♗c5 11.♕h4 ♘f8! There is no need to castle just yet, so Black reroutes his knight first. 12.♕g5 ♗e7 13.♕xg7 (13.O-O ♘g6 14.♖d1 ♕c7 15.♕g3 e5∞) 13...♖g8 14.♕h6 ♖xg2∞ In this extremely sharp position both sides have chances of their own.

7...♘5f6 8.d5



8...b5!? It is high time for the Benko Gambit!

9.cxb5 ♘b6

The alternative is 9...g6 with a highly thematic position in this type of gambit play. 10.♘c3 ♗g7 11.♘f3 ♘b6 12.♗e3 ♘bxd5 13.♗xc5 O-O 14.♗d4 (14.O-O ♘xc3 15.bxc3 ♘e4 Black regains the pawn right away.) 14...♘f4 15.O-O ♗b7=∞

10.bxa6

10.♘c3 ♘bxd5 11.♘f3 e6 12.a4 ♗e7 13.O-O O-O 14.♗d2 ♗b7∞

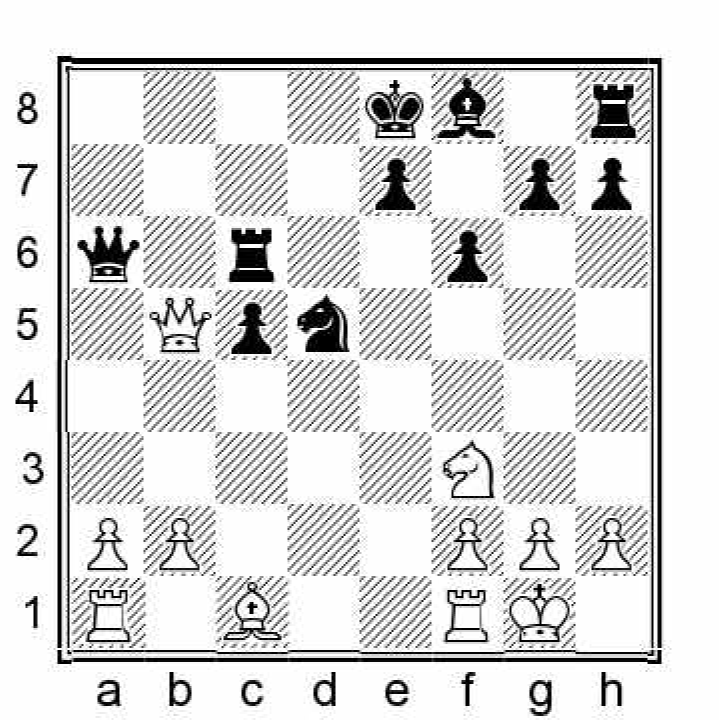
10...♗xa6

After the natural 10...♕xd5 White has a highly unpleasant reply 11.♕b3!

11.♗xa6 ♖xa6 12.♕e2 ♕a8

12...c4!?

13.♘c3 ♘bxd5 14.♕b5+ ♖c6 15.♘xd5 ♘xd5 16.♘f3 f6 17.O-O ♕a6∞



I am convinced that this variation is bound to develop further in time to come, being very rich in possibilities for both sides. Of course, we will be following both the theory and practice seeking new and fresh ideas.

DEVELOPMENTS

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THE SCOTCH GAME [C45]

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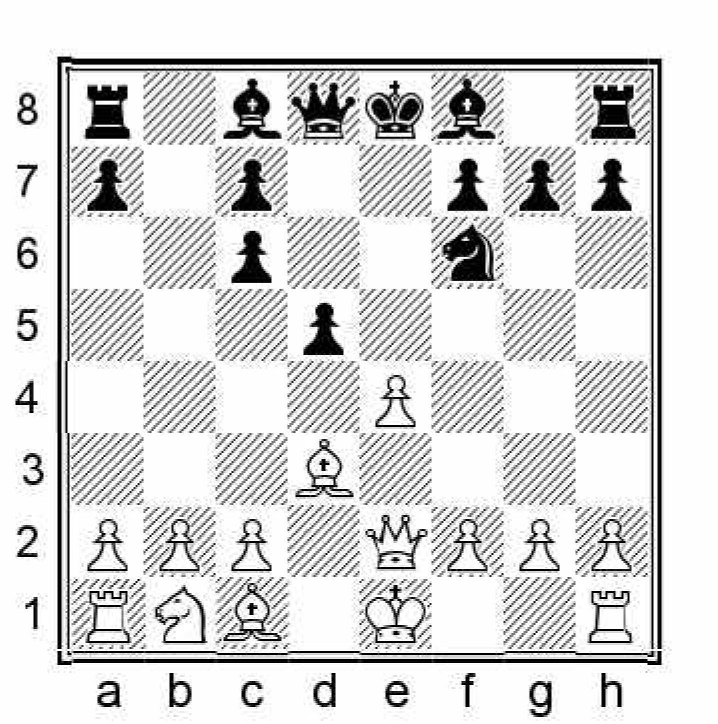
The Scotch Game was very popular during the 19th century, but then it was almost forgotten for a long time. During the 1990s it was resurrected, mostly because Kasparov started playing it. Lately, Carlsen also played the Scotch regularly among the top players, so it became popular again.

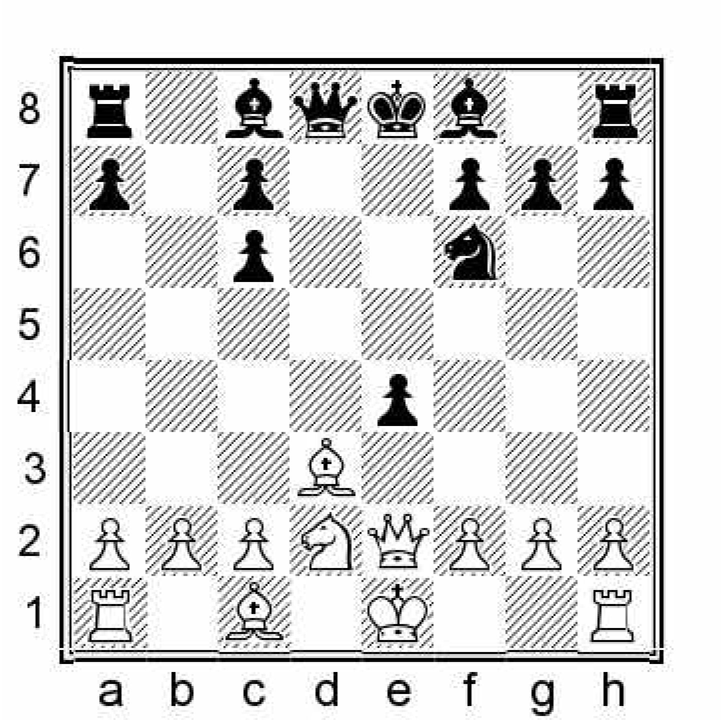
Nowadays the 7.♕e2 line is one of the main opening weapons of Rublevsky. It may seem that Black's situation is quite secure in the context of fighting for the opening equality, but it is still up to White to fight for the advantage. Since White is the first to move he can choose his preferred character of the battle and create chances for the opponent to make mistakes.

7.♕e2/8.♘d2

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.♗d3 d5 7.♕e2

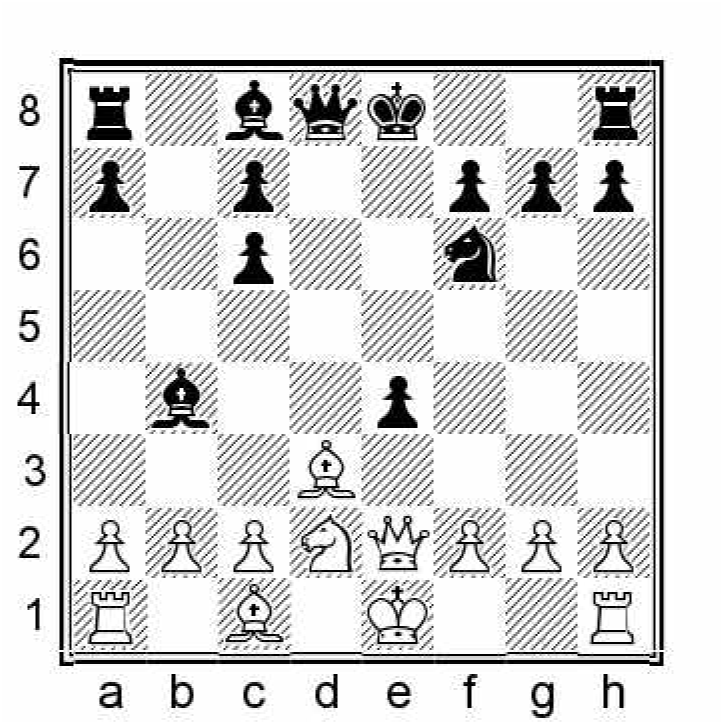


7...dxe4 8.♘d2?!



Compared to 8.Nc3 White would like to neutralize 8...Bb4 with c3 in a good moment. However, this is an inaccurate move.

8...♗b4



9.♗xe4

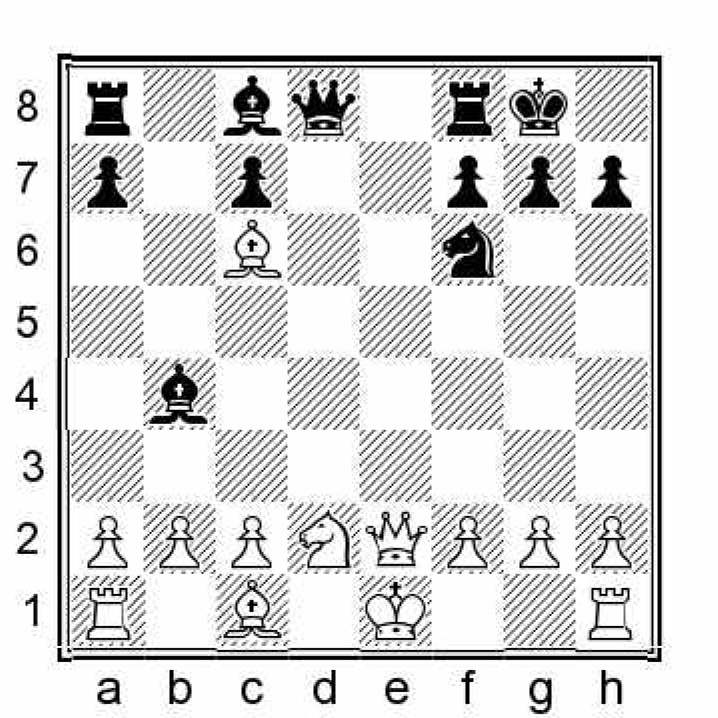
9.O-O ♗xd2 10.♗xd2 O-O 11.♗c4 ♗g4 (11...♕d6!? Now, White must try to prove that he has compensation for the pawn.) 12.♕e3 ♖e8 13.h3 (Bedoya Ramos,Monica Andrea 1672 - Herrera Arboleda,Kerly Danna 1903, Ecuador 2014) 13...♗h5∞

9...O-O!

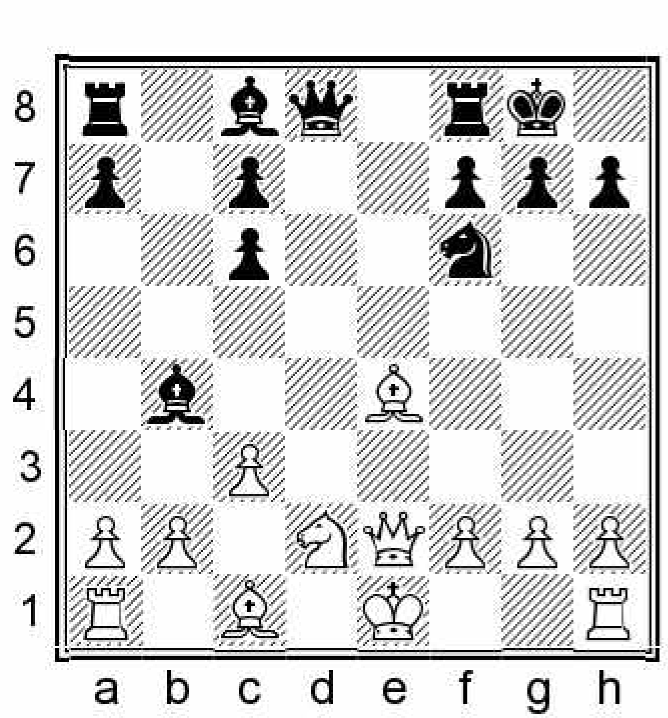
9...♘xe4 10.♕xe4+ ♕e7 11.O-O (11.c3!? ♗f5 12.♕xe7+ ♗xe7 13.♘b3 O-O (13...a5 14.♗f4 c5 15.O-O-O ♗g4 16.♖d3 a4 17.♘d2∞) 14.♗f4 ♗d6 15.♗xd6 ♖fe8+ 16.♔d2 cxd6 17.♖ae1 c5∞ Li,Bo 2383 - Vardaan,Nagpal 2129, Balatonlelle 2017) 11...♕xe4 12.♘xe4 ♗f5 13.c3 ♗e7 (13...♗xe4 14.cxb4 O-O-O 15.♖e1 (15.♗e3 a6 (15...♔b7 16.f3!? (16.♖fc1 ♖d3 (Pezelj,Novak 2447 - Csonka,Balasz 2398, Srbija 2016) 17.♖d1 ♖hd8 18.♖xd3 ♖xd3 19.a3 c5 20.♗xc5 ♖d2∞) 16...♗d5 17.♔f2 ♖he8 18.♖fe1 h6 19.h4±) 16.♖fd1 ♖xd1+ 17.♖xd1 ♖d8 18.♖xd8+ ♔xd8= Danin,Alexandre 2521 - Kryvoruchko,Yuriy 2683, Budva 2019) 15...♗d5 16.f3 ♖he8 17.♖xe8 ♖xe8 18.♔f2±) 14.♖e1 O-O-O 15.♗g5 ♗xg5 16.♘xg5 ♗g6 17.♖ad1∞

10.c3

10.♗xc6?!



(Ducarmon,Quinten 2479 - Bacrot,Alexandre 2257, Pro Chess League (Internet-rapid) 2019) 10...♗b7!! What a brilliant tactical blow! Black wants to play ...Re8. 11.♗xb7 ♖e8 12.♗xa8 ♕xa8 13.f3 ♘d5 14.c3 ♖xe2+ 15.♔xe2 ♕e8+ 16.♘e4 f5 17.cxb4 fxe4-+ The white king is weak, so Black is completely winning.



10...a5!! A brilliant tactical move, which nobody played after this game.

10...♘xe4 11.♘xe4 ♗e7 12.O-O ♗e6 (12...f5 13.♖d1 ♕e8 14.♘g5 ♗xg5 (14...♗d6?! 15.♕c4+ ♔h8 16.♗f4 ♗a6 17.♕xa6 ♗xf4 18.♘f3± Li,Bo 2383 - Czebe,Attila 2475, Balatonlelle 2017) 15.♕xe8 ♖xe8 16.♗xg5 a5±) 13.♖d1 ♕c8 14.♗f4 a5 15.♘g5 ♗xg5 16.♗xg5 ♗d5∞;

10...♗d6 11.♗xc6 ♖b8 12.O-O ♗xh2+ 13.♔xh2 ♕d6+∓ Gruber,Theodor - Euwe,Max, Wien 1921

11.cxb4 ♗a6 The white king is in the middle, so Black has a really dangerous attack for the piece.

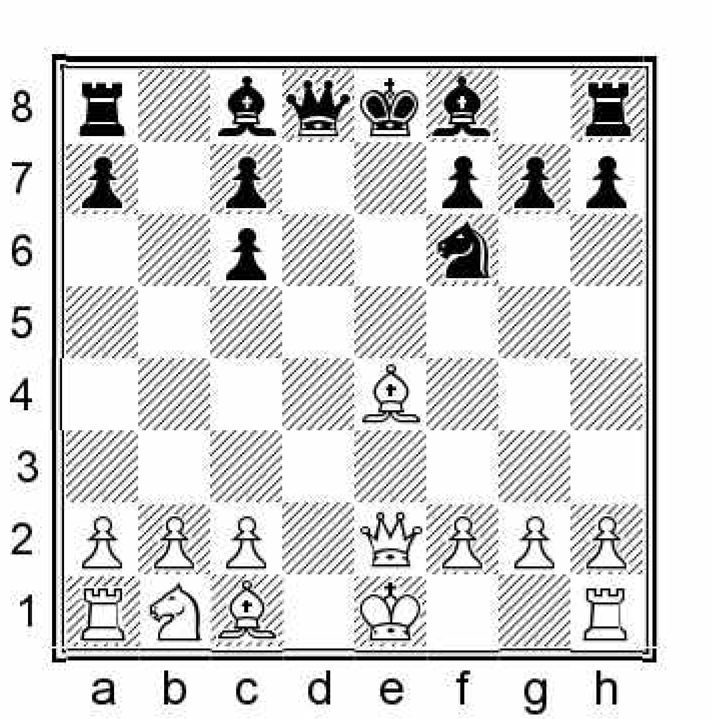
12.♕e3

12.♕f3?! ♖e8 13.b5 ♗xb5 14.a4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 ♗d3-+ Kolin,Julius - Laurencena,Alberto, corr 1987

12...♖e8 13.f3 ♘d5 14.♕d4 f5∓

8.♗e4

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.♗d3 d5 7.♕e2 dxe4 8.♗xe4



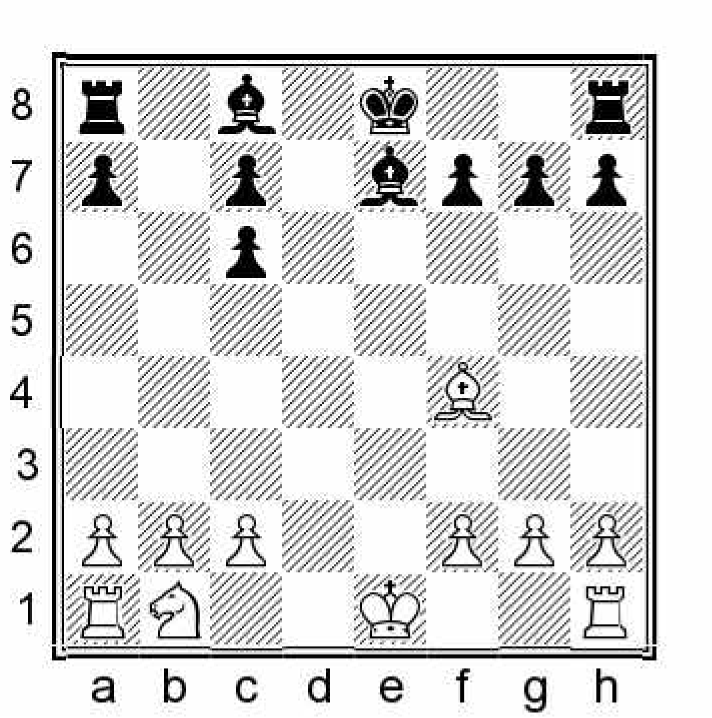
The simplest continuation, but usually White wants to keep his bishop.

8...♘xe4 9.♕xe4+ ♕e7 10.♕xe7+

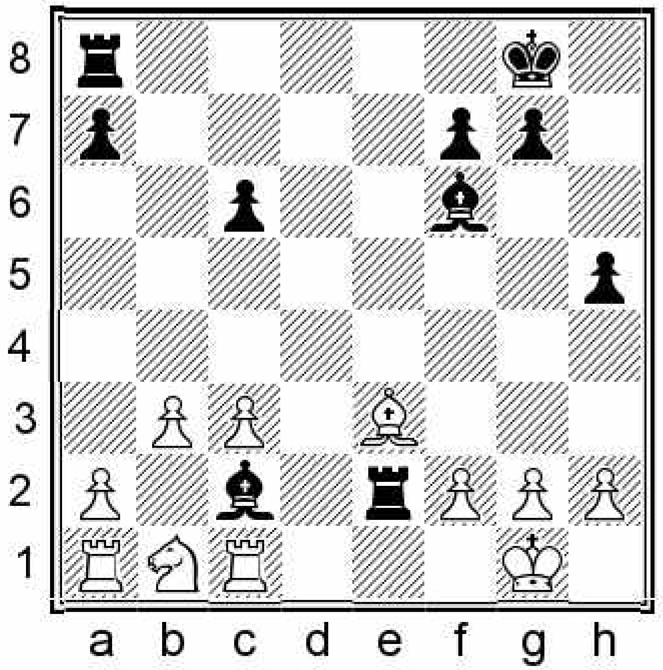
10.♕e3 ♗f5 11.O-O (11.c3?! ♗d3! A good move to prevent castling. 12.♕xe7+ ♗xe7 13.♗e3 ♖b8∓ and thanks to his pair of bishops Black has a comfortable endgame.) 11...♕xe3 12.♗xe3 ♗e7 13.c3 O-O 14.♘d2 ♖fb8= Fritsche,Frank - Gierden,Horst, corr 2017/18

10...♗xe7 Black has double pawns on the c-file, but he has the bishop pair which secures a good compensation.

11.♗f4



11.O-O ♗f5 (11...O-O 12.♖e1 ♗f6 13.♘d2 ♗f5 14.♘e4 (Murzin,Volodar 2470 - Makarian,Rudik 2441, Russia 2020) 14...♗d4∞) 12.c3 (12.♗f4 O-O-O 13.♘d2 ♗f6∓ Granda Zuniga,Julio 2440 - Ivkov,Borislav 2510, Cienfuegos 1985; 12.♗e3 ♗xc2 13.♖c1 ♗xb1 Usually we like to keep the bishop pair, but now Black exchanges it for an extra pawn. He is obviously slightly better. (13...O-O-O!?) 14.♖axb1 ♔d7 15.♖c2 a5 16.♖bc1 ♖a6 17.a4 ♖b8 18.♖d1+ ♗d6∓ Garma, Chito 2342 - Gomez,John Paul 2450, Makati 2018) 12...O-O (12...O-O-O!? 13.♗e3 (Schmid,Hartmut 2211 - Michalczak,Thomas 2361, Schwaebisch Gmuend 2006) 13...a5∓) 13.♗f4 ♖fb8 14.b3 ♗f6 15.♗xc7 ♖e8∓ 16.♗f4 ♖e2 17.♗e3 h5 18.♖d1 ♗c2 19.♖f1 (19.♖c1?



19...♖e8! 20.♘a3 ♖8xe3! 21.♘xc2 (21.fxe3 ♗e4-+) 21...♖xc3 22.♘e3 ♖xa2! 23.♖xa2 ♖xc1+ 24.♘f1 ♗d4-+ Kozak, Adam 2504 - Donchenko,Alexander 2657, Reykjavik 2021) 19...♗d3∓

11...♖b8!?

11...♗f5 12.♗xc7 (12.♘d2 O-O-O (12...♗f6 13.O-O-O O-O-O 14.♘b3 ♗e4∞) 13.O-O-O ♗e6 (13...♖d5 14.♘c4 ♖hd8 15.♖de1 (Matko,Ognjen 2302 - Ivic, Mateo 2229, Hrvatska 2017) 15...♗e6∞) 14.♘b3 c5∞) 12...♗xc2 This exchange was obviously favourable for Black. 13.♘c3 O-O 14.♖c1 Probably 14...♗d3!? was ever more accurate, with a little advantage for Black. (14...♗f5 15.O-O ♖ac8 (15...♗g5 16.♖cd1 ♖fe8 17.♖fe1 ♗c2∞) 16.♗f4 ♗f6 (16...♖fd8 17.♗e3 c5 18.♖fd1 ♖xd1+ 19.♖xd1 f6∞) 17.b3 (17.♖fe1!?) 17...♖fe8 18.♗e3 (Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2751 - Anand,Viswanathan 2783, Saint Louis (rapid) 2017) 18...♗e7 Δ Ba3∞) 15.f3 ♗g5 16.f4 (16.♖d1 ♗c2 17.♖d6 (17.♖d7?! ♗f5 18.♖d4 ♖fe8+∓) 17...♖ac8 18.♖xc6 ♗f5↑) 16...♗h4+ 17.g3 ♗f6 18.♔f2 ♗d4+ 19.♔f3 c5∓

12.b3 ♗f6 13.c3 O-O

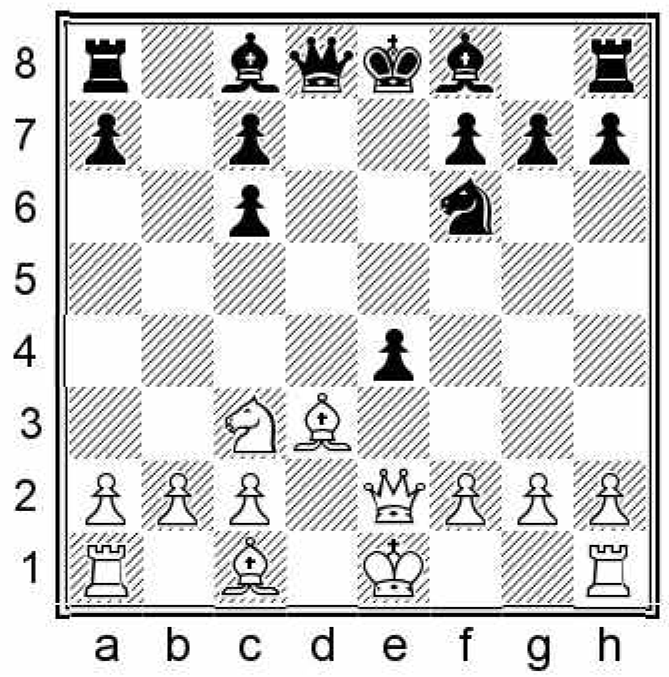
13...♔d7!? 14.O-O c5 15.♖e1 ♗a6∞

14.O-O ♗f5 15.♗xc7 ♖b7 16.♗f4 ♖e8 17.♗e3 (Obolenskikh,Dmitry 2544 - Kollars, Dmitrij 2586, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020)

17...♖d7⇄

8.♘c3/9...♗c3

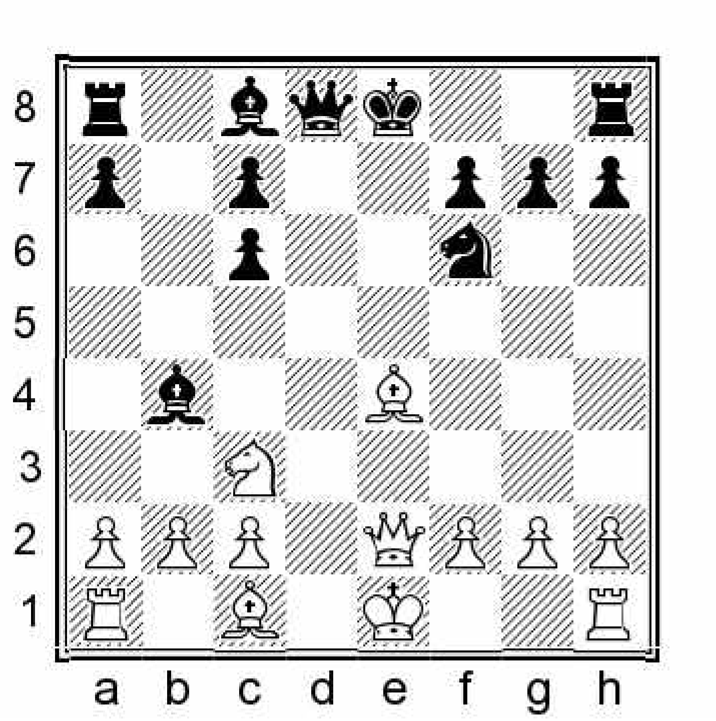
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.♗d3 d5 7.♕e2 dxe4 8.♘c3



The most popular and straightforward continuation.

8...♗b4 Now Black is threatening with the winning 9...Bg4.

9.♗xe4



9...♗xc3+

9...O-O see next chapters.

10.bxc3 ♘xe4 11.♕xe4+ ♕e7 12.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 The position became pretty drawish.

13.♗f4 ♖b8

13...♗f5 14.O-O-O ♖hc8 15.♖he1+ ♗e6 16.♖d4 ♔f8 (16...♖ab8 17.♖a4 ♖b7 18.c4± Kraus,Tomas 2459 - Reuker,Jari 2410, Ceske Budejovice 2021) 17.♖a4 a6 18.g3 ♖a7 19.♗e3 ♖aa8 20.c4 f6 21.♔b2 ♖cb8+ 22.♔c3± Paehtz,Elisabeth 2466 - Mammadova,Gulnar 2385, Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 2021

13...♖d8 14.♗xc7 ♖d5 15.O-O f6 16.c4 ♖d7 17.♗g3 ♖d2⩱ Matyukhin,Sergey - Grigoryev,Valery, corr 2016

13...♖e8 14.O-O-O ♗e6 15.a3 ♗d5 16.f3 ♔f8 17.♗xc7 ♖e2 18.♖d2 ♖ae8 19.♗d6+ ♔g8 20.♖hd1 f6 21.♔b2 h5 22.h4 g5⩱ Solodovnichenko,Yuri 2546 - Fressinet, Laurent 2638, France 2021

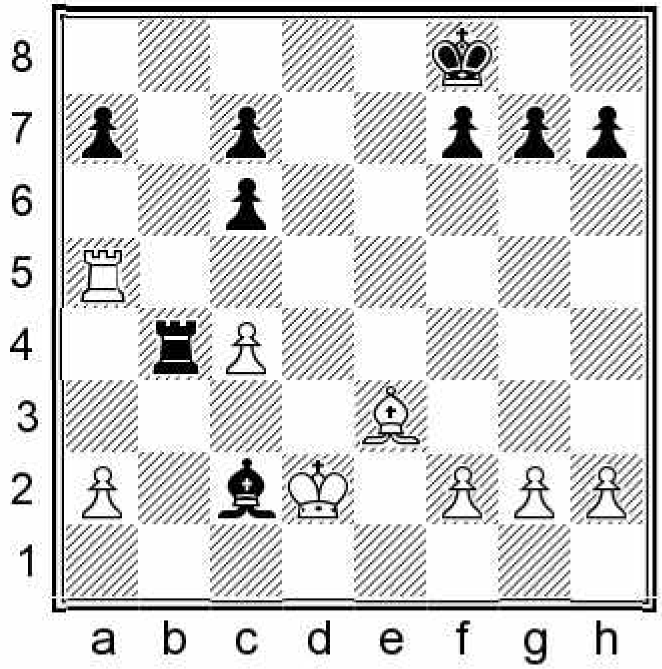
14.O-O-O

14.♗xc7 ♖b2 15.O-O-O ♖xa2 This exchange seems to be better for Black. However, the position is still equal. 16.♖he1+ ♗e6 17.♔b1 ♖a4 18.f4 f5 (18...♖c8 19.♗d6+ ♔f6=) 19.g4 ♔f7 20.gxf5 ♗xf5 21.♖d4 ♖xd4 22.cxd4 ♖e8 23.♗e5= Vykouk,Jan 2430 - Schnider, Gert 2412, Ceske Budejovice 2017

14.♔d2 ♖d8+ 15.♔c1 ♖b7 16.♖e1+ ♗e6 17.♖e4 a5 18.♖a4 ♖a8 19.♖b1 ♖xb1+ 20.♔xb1= 1/2 : 1/2 Juras,Zvonko - Kudr, Roman, corr 2018

14...♖b7 15.♖d4 ♗e6 16.♖b4

16.♖e1 ♖hb8 17.♔d2 ♔f8 18.♖a4 ♖d8+ (18...♗f5?! 19.c4 ♖b2 20.♖c1 ♖8b4 21.♖xb4 (21.♖a5?! ♖xc2+ 22.♖xc2 ♗xc2 23.♗e3

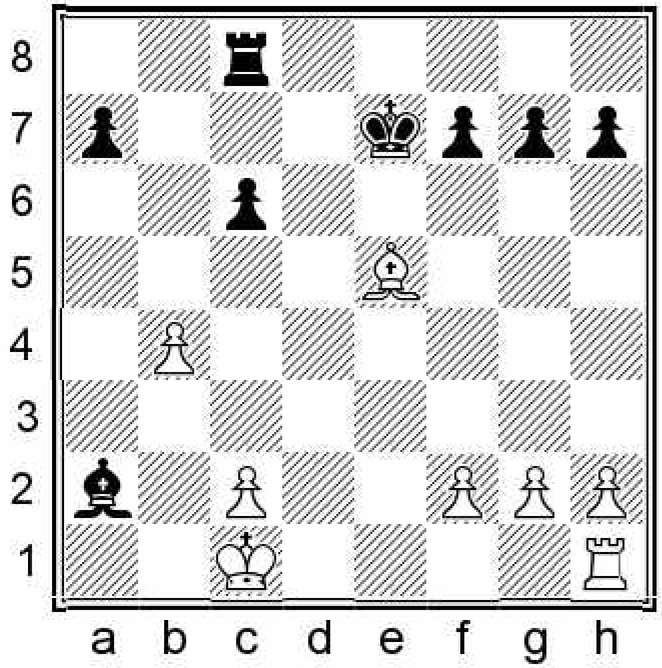


23...♖a4! This is the correct move to simplify the position. (23...♖xc4? could have been met by 24.♖c5!+- and suddenly Black is in a losing opposite-coloured bishops endgame, 1 : 0 Mastrovasilis,Dimitrios 2586 - Stany,George Anthony 2494, Arad 2018) 24.♖xa4 ♗xa4 25.♗xa7 ♔e7=) 21...♖xb4 22.♔c3±) 19.♔c1 ♖db8 20.a3 ♖b1+ 21.♔d2 ♖d8+ 22.♖d4 ♖xd4+ 23.cxd4 ♖xe1 24.♔xe1 ♔e7=

16...♖xb4 17.cxb4 ♗xa2

17...c5!? 18.bxc5 ♔d7 19.♖d1+ ♔c6 20.♖d3 a6 21.a3 ♖b8⩱

18.♗xc7 ♖c8 19.♗e5



19...c5

19...f6?! 20.♗d4 a6 (20...♖a8 21.♔b2 ♗e6 22.♖a1 ♔d7 (22...a6 23.♗b6 h5 24.♔c3 ♔d7 25.g3±) 23.f3 ♔c7 24.♖e1 ♔d6 25.♗c5+±) 21.♔b2 ♗d5 22.♖a1 ♔d7 (22...♔f7 23.g3 ♖a8 24.♔c3 g5 (24...h5 25.♔d3 ♔e6 26.c4 ♗f3 27.♔e3 ♗g2 28.♗b6±) 25.♔d3 f5 26.c4 ♗e4+ 27.♔e3 g4 28.♗b6 ♔e6 29.♖a2 (29.♖a5!? h5 30.♔d4 ♔d7 31.♖a2 ♗g2 32.♔e5 ♗e4 33.♖d2+±) 29...♗f3 (Antal,Gergely 2541 - Stevic,Hrvoje 2602, Magyarorszag 2017) 30.h3!? ♔f7 31.h4 ♔e6 32.♔f4 ♗d1 33.♖a3 ♗c2 34.♗c5±) 23.f3 ♖a8 24.♔c3 ♔c7 25.♖e1±

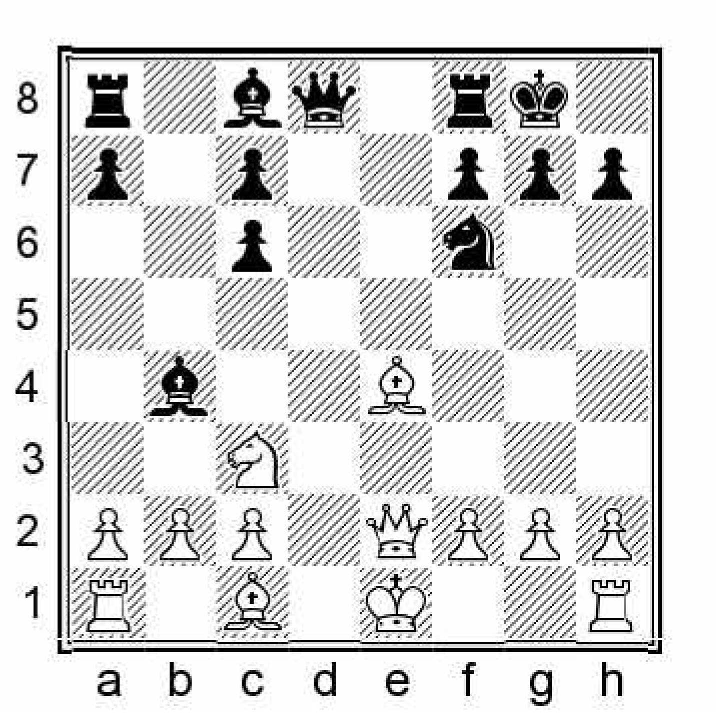
20.♔b2 f6 21.♗c3

21.♔xa2 fxe5 22.b5 ♖b8 23.♖b1 e4 24.c4 ♖f8=

21...♗d5 22.bxc5 ♖b8+ 23.♔a3 ♔d7 24.♖e1 ♔c6=∞

9...0-0/13...♗c3

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.♗d3 d5 7.♕e2 dxe4 8.♘c3 ♗b4 9.♗xe4 O-O



The most ambitious reply.

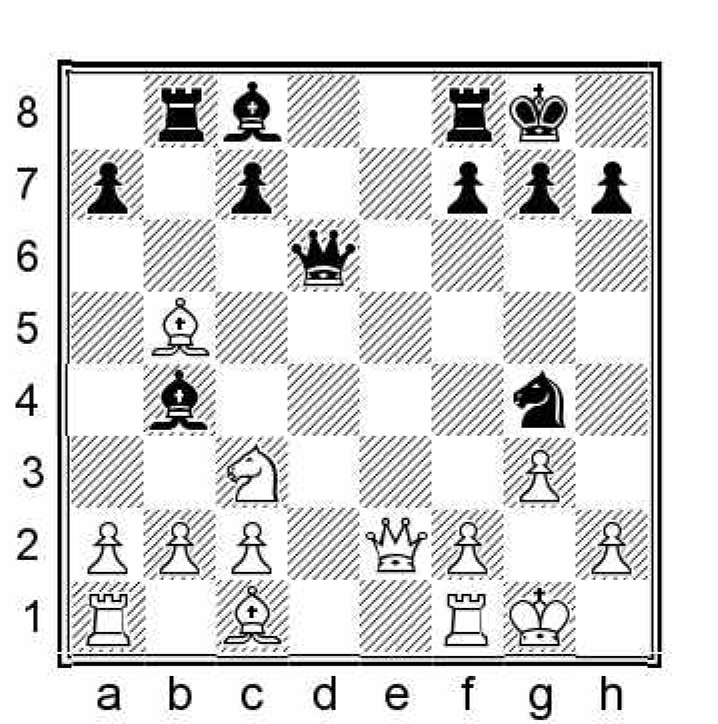
10.♗xc6 ♖b8 Hoping for 11...Qd6 - winning.

11.O-O ♕d6 12.♗b5

12.♗a4?! The bishop is out of play on a4. 12...♘g4! 13.g3 (Morais Carreras,Javier 1958 - Fernandez Aguilar,Francisco 2080, Sabadell 2016) 13...♕g6! 14.h3 ♘f6 15.♖e1 (15.♔h2? ♕f5!-+)

12...♘g4! Black immediately creates counterplay for the pawn.

13.g3



13...♗xc3

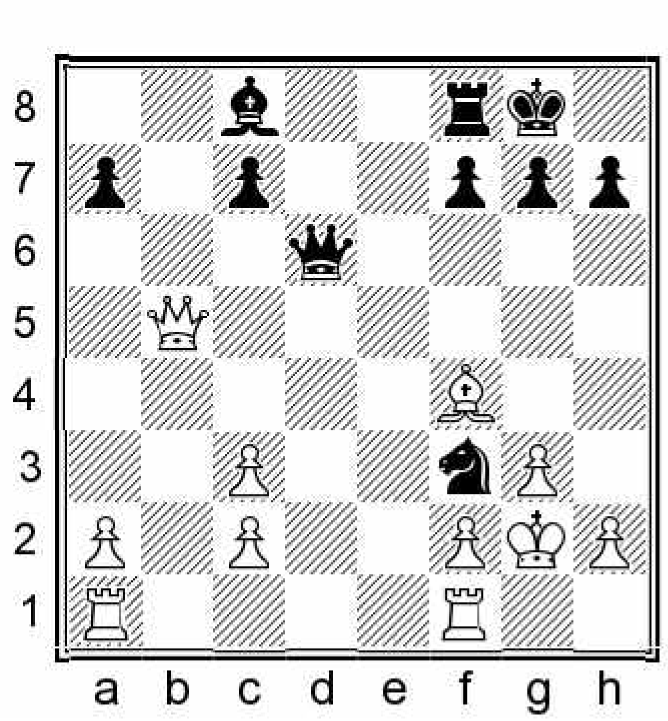
13...♕c5 see next chapter.

14.bxc3 ♘e5

14...♗b7!? is the alternative choice. 15.♕xg4 ♕d5 16.f3 ♕xb5 17.♗e3 a5 18.♖ab1 ♕c6 19.♗d4 f6 20.♕h5 ♗a6 21.♖xb8 ♖xb8 22.♖e1 ♗c4 23.♖e7 ♗xa2 24.♕xa5 1/2 : 1/2 Gunkel,Wolfgang - Hjorth,Jesper, corr 2017

15.♗f4 ♖xb5! With this thematic exchange sacrifice, Black starts a long-lasting "light-square" attack on the king.

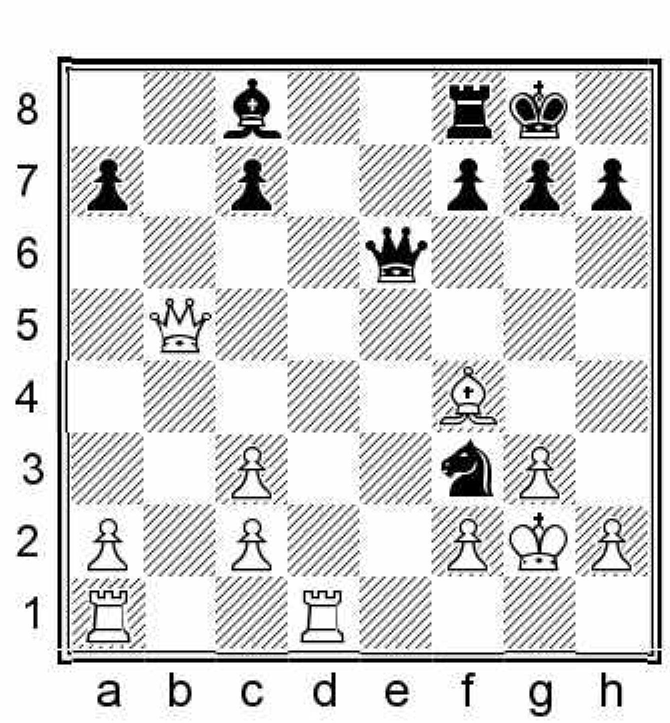
16.♕xb5 ♘f3+ 17.♔g2



17...♕e6! Black manages to tactically save both attacked pieces.

18.♖fd1

18.♔xf3!? is the other option. Objectively, both moves should lead to a draw. 18...♗d7 19.♕e5 ♕c6+ 20.♔e3 ♖e8 21.♕xe8+ ♗xe8 22.♔d2 f6 The engine usually evaluates the final position of the forced variation with 0.00, but White's position remains uncomfortable to play because of his weak king. (Prusikin,Michael) 23.♖fb1 (23.♗e3? ♗g6 24.f3 ♕a4 25.♖fc1 ♕d7+ 26.♔e2 ♕h3 27.♖h1 ♗e8-+ Vykouk, Jan 2440 - Kantor,Gergely 2518, Budapest 2018) 23...♕d5+ 24.♔c1 ♕h1+ 25.♔d2 ♕xh2 26.♗e3 ♕h5 27.♖b8 ♔f7 (27...♕d5+ 28.♔c1 ♔f7 29.♖ab1 ♕xa2 30.♖1b7 ♗a4 31.♖xc7+ ♔g6 32.♖b2 ♕a1+ 33.♖b1 1/2 : 1/2 Gutierrez Dopino,Jose Maria - Glaser,Karel, corr 2018/19) 28.♖ab1 (28.♖d8 ♕a5 29.♖d4 ♗c6 30.a4 h5 31.♖b1 g5 32.♖bb4 a6∓ Zhak,Boris - Voll,Aleksey, corr 2015/16) 28...♗c6 29.♗xa7 ♕d5+ 30.♗d4 ♕xa2∞ Iotov,Valentin - Dronov,Aleksandr, corr 2016/17



18...c6! The key move which means that the white queen is denied the d5-square.

18...♕e4? 19.♕d5!+-

19.♕a4

19.♕c5? ♕e4-+ and there is no Qd5!

19.♕d3? ♕h3+ 20.♔xf3 ♖e8!! 21.♗e3 ♗g4+ 22.♔f4 h6-+;

19.♕f1?! ♖e8! 20.♔h1 (20.♔xf3? ♕e4#) 20...g5! (20...c5!?) 21.♖d6 ♕g4 22.♗e3 ♕h5 23.♕g2 ♗h3-+

19...♘h4+!

19...♕h3+? doesn't work here, because of 20.♔xf3 ♖e8 21.♗e3+- and the g4-square is covered.

20.♔g1

20.gxh4 ♕g4+ 21.♔f1 transposes to the main line.

20...♕h3 21.gxh4 ♕g4+ 22.♔f1 ♕f3! 23.♖d3

23.♕d4? ♗g4!-+

23...♕h1+ 24.♔e2 ♕xa1 25.♖e3

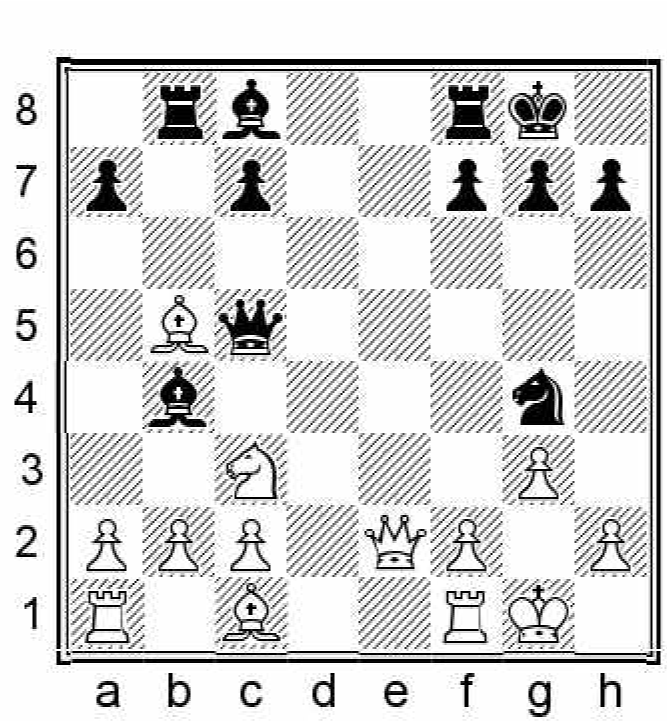
25.♗d6 ♖e8+ 26.♖e3 ♖xe3+ 27.fxe3 ♕xc3 28.♕e4 ♗e6 29.♗e5 (29.a3? h5! 30.h3 (30.♔d1? ♗g4+-+ Rublevsky,Sergei 2683 - Banusz,Tamas 2608, Srbija 2017 - 134/102) 30...♗xh3 31.♕e8+ ♔h7 32.♕e4+ f5 33.♕d3 ♗g4+ 34.♔f2 ♕f6 35.♔g3 c5!∓) 29...♕c4+ 30.♕xc4 ♗xc4+ 31.♔d2 ♗xa2 32.♔c3=∞;

25.♕xc6!? ♕b1 26.♗d6 ♕xc2+ 27.♖d2 ♗a6+ (27...♕g6!?) 28.♕xa6 ♖e8+ 29.♗e7 ♕e4+ 30.♔d1 ♕b1+ 31.♔e2 ♖xe7+ 32.♔f3 ♕e4+ 33.♔g3= Carrettoni,Angelo - Fedeli,Luciano, corr 2019

25...♕b1 26.♕e4 ♗g4+ 27.f3 ♗e6 28.a3 ♗d5 29.♕d3 ♕a2 30.♔f2 h6 31.c4 ♗xc4 32.♕c3 f6∞
Rodriguez Perez,Rene - Weglicki,Slawomir, corr 2020

13...♕c5

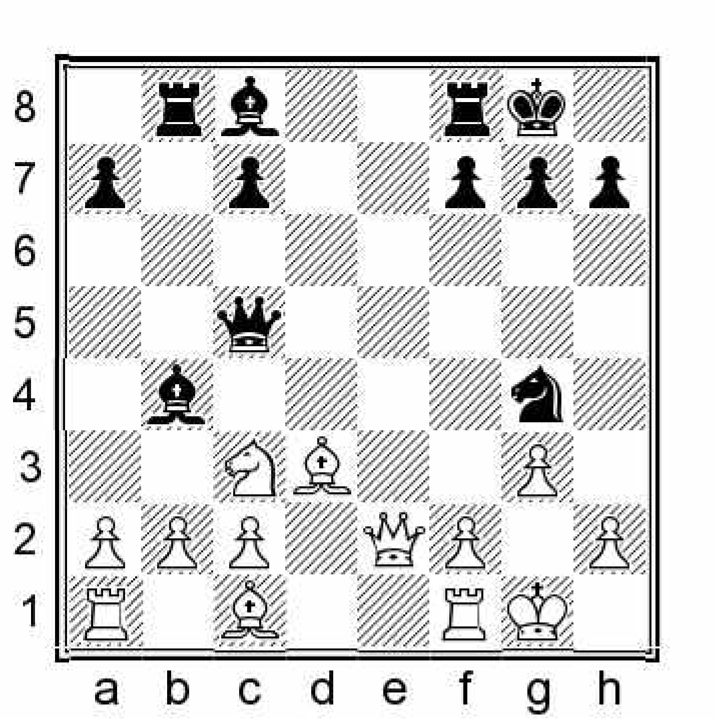
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.♗d3 d5 7.♕e2 dxe4 8.♘c3 ♗b4 9.♗xe4 O-O 10.♗xc6 ♖b8 11.O-O ♕d6 12.♗b5 ♘g4! 13.g3 ♕c5



Black keeps the tension as long as possible and exerts some pressure on the white light pieces.

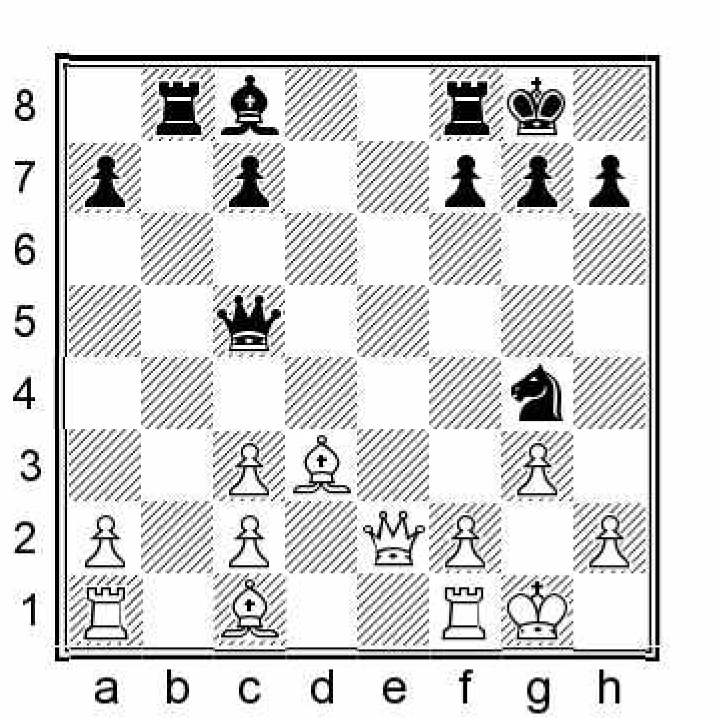
13...♘e5!? was also played in a correspondence game as a good alternative for the text move. 14.♖d1 (14.♗f4 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 is transposing to previous chapter) 14...♕e6 15.♗d3 ♗xc3 (15...♗c5 16.♗e3 ♗xe3 17.♕xe3 ♘xd3 18.♕xd3 ♖xb2 19.♘d5 ♗b7 20.♕a3 ♗xd5 21.♕xb2 (1/2 : 1/2 Siikaluoma,Auno - Perevertkin,Vladimir, corr 2014) 21...♕e4 22.♖xd5 ♕xd5=) 16.bxc3 ♕f6 1/2 : 1/2 Akwei,Loving - Sisak,Richard, corr 2018

14.♗d3



14...♘e5!?

14...♗xc3 15.bxc3



15...♗d7!?=∞ with an obvious compensation for the pawn. (15...♘e5? 16.♗a3! An excellent reply, which completely solves White problems. 16...♕xa3 17.♕xe5± and White is active. Moreover, he has a healthy extra pawn. 17...♗e6 18.♖fe1 ♕d6 19.a4 ♖fd8 20.♖ad1 ♕c6 21.♗b5 ♕b7 22.♖d4 g6 23.♖h4 ♕f3 24.♖f4 ♕b7 25.♕f6 ♕c8 (25...c6? 26.♗d3+- Threatening Bg6! Xiong,Jeffery 2709 - Robson, Ray 2673, USA (ch-Internet-rapid) 2020) 26.h4±)

15.♘e4 ♕c6 16.♘g5 ♘xd3 17.♕xd3 g6 18.♕e4 ♕f6 19.c3 ♗d6 Black's bishop pair obviously gives compensation for the pawn.

20.♕f3 ♕d8 21.♘e4 ♗b7 22.♕d3 ♗e7 23.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 24.♖e1 ♗xe4 25.♖xe4 ♖d1+ 26.♔g2 ♗g5 27.f4 ♗f6=∞ Kadonas,Kestutis - Kraujunas,Vladas, corr 2017/18

Conclusion

The Scotch is that particular opening which leads to unusual and original middlegame structures. Rapid contact between the opposing forces takes place much quicker than in the other open games which increases the value of every move and requires from both sides tremendous accuracy in a very early stage of the game. Also, there is another factor to be taken into account. The opening struggle is also characterised by the fact that positions with castling on the opposite sides arise much more often in the Scotch than in all the other open games put together. There are no compromises in Scotch fights and the outcome of the game is often decided by direct attacks against the enemy king. Therefore, the theoretical knowledge is obviously important for both sides.

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THE PILLSBURY ATTACK

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After my last Informant article about the isolated pawn (IQP), I thought it was only natural to continue my pawn structures path. What would be better than another typical attacking idea going back to the late 1800's which remains prominent to this day and is something that can be found in a variety of openings and defences with both colors.

Many of you know about the tragic life of the American genius Harry Nelson Pillsbury. He was the strongest American player since Paul Morphy (if we exclude Wilhelm Steinitz) and went on to win the strongest event of 19th century, the Hastings 1895 Tournament. Pillsbury's win was achieved in one of the most dramatic turn of events as he managed to surpass everyone after losing in the first round to Mikhail Chigorin. When asked about my favorite games, I often like to answer that it is the story of that tournament that fascinates me the most and I cannot make up my mind about one game alone. If there is a story attached to a specific game, or a specific tournament, I have a better chance of remembering it. Maybe it's just me, but that may be the reason I chose this topic for the article. I remembered my slow start in the 2017 US Women's Championship, where I started with 2/4 and ended up with 8/11.

Much like Pillsbury, I wasn't a favorite to win the event. But let us return to the main theme, Pillsbury and his creative ideas in chess.

Sadly, his short life denied us from seeing a lot of his brilliancy as he died aged only 33. Nowadays, while we remember Pillsbury for his blitzing reach of the chess Olympus, stellar record against the 2nd World Chess Champion Emmanuel Lasker, and his unfathomable ability to play blindfold games, almost effortlessly, most professional players remember his contribution to chess theory - the "Pillsbury Attack".

Harry Nelson Pillsbury

The idea of this attack is typically known to have started from the queen's pawn opening, where White essays an attack with ♘e5 followed by f4 which creates a strong bind on the kingside. Allegedly, the attack earned its name after Pillsbury's win over Dr. Tarrasch in Hastings where Pillsbury won a topsy-turvy game in the QGD (Queen's Gambit Declined). However, the name applies to any queen's pawn opening. In fact, it can be played with reversed- stonewall, Zuckertort-

Jussupow system, and the London System, as well as in both QGD and some lines of the Nimzo-Indian. It can be seen in the Slav Defence as well.

Of course, it matters how both sides are placing their pieces and their plans are important.

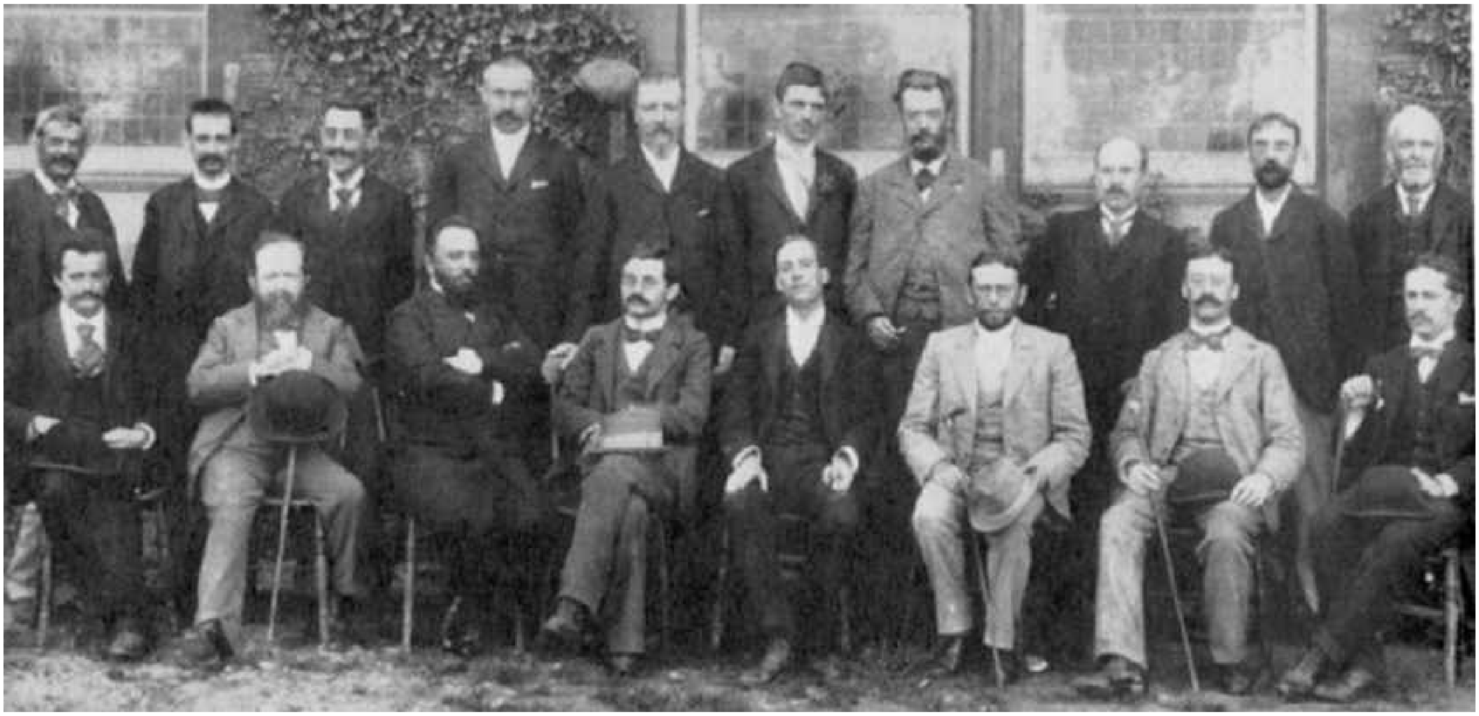
For the attacking side key ideas involve:

1. The Greek Gift - sacrifice of the bishop from d3
2. The rook lift
3. ♘e5 - sacrifice on f7
4. Pawn avalanche on the king side
5. Pawn avalanche even in the endgame (Kan-Riumin)

Defender's key ideas are:

1. Kicking the knight on e5 (e4) with the f-pawn
2. Trading the light (dark)-square bishop on d3 (d6)
3. Occupying the e4 (e5) square
4. Pushing the pawn majority on the queenside
5. Attacking the d4 (d5) pawn

As a general summary of what to expect from the Pillsbury Attack is that the attack is typically very strong and annoying and it can develop rapidly reaching a decisive advantage if one does not know how to stop it. Unfortunately, the attack it is not easy to create if the player on the defending side knows how to meet the idea.



The participants of Hastings 1895: Pillsbury is sitting in the middle of the front row-between Lasker and Tarrasch; Photo Horace F. Cheshire [Public domain] via Wikimedia Commons

I hope you will enjoy browsing through this collection of ideas starting with Pillsbury, as even if in the first games and with modern engines more mistakes have been found than those by strong players of the time, I find studying of the classics very important for development of creative ideas these days.

After losing the first round to Chigorin in a deep battle in King's Gambit, Pillsbury most likely wanted blood in this game. He did not cross the Atlantic to just be a 'pawn' in the royals' game afterall.

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Pillsbury, Harry Nelson - Tarrasch, Siegbert
Hastings, 1895

1.d4

1.e4 For reference I added the first game, just in case you may want to revisit his loss. 1...e5 2.f4 ♗c5 3.♘f3 d6 4.♗c4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.d3 ♗g4 7.h3 ♗xf3 8.♕xf3 ♘d4 9.♕g3 ♘xc2+ 10.♔d1 ♘xa1 11.♕xg7 ♔d7 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.♖f1 ♗e7 14.♕xf7 ♔c8 15.♗g5 ♖f8 16.♕e6+ ♔b8 17.♗h6 ♖e8 18.♕xe5 ♘d7 19.♕h5 ♘b6 20.♗d5 a6 21.♔d2 ♘xd5 22.♘xd5 ♖g8 23.g4 ♗b4+ 24.♘xb4 ♕d4 25.♘c2 ♘xc2 26.♔xc2 ♖g6 27.♗d2 ♖d6 28.♖f3 ♕a4+ 29.♔c1 ♕xa2 30.♗c3 ♖c6 31.♕xh7 b5 32.♕e7 ♕b3 33.♔d2 a5 34.♖f5 ♔b7 35.♖c5 ♖aa6 36.g5 ♖xc5 37.♕xc5 ♖c6 38.♕d5 ♕a4 39.g6 b4 40.g7 bxc3+ 41.bxc3 ♕a3 42.g8=♕ ♕xc3+ 43.♔e2 ♕c2+ 44.♔f3 ♕d1+ 45.♔g3 ♕g1+ 46.♔h4 ♕f2+ 47.♔h5 ♕f3+ 48.♕g4 ♕f6 49.♕gf5 ♕h6+ 50.♔g4 ♕g7+ 51.♕g5 1 : 0 Chigorin,Mikhail - Pillsbury, Harry Nelson, Hastings 1895

1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 Maybe at the time, Tarrasch has not invented his system against the Queen's

Gambit just yet, or he just didn't want to employ it in this specific game.

3...c5 The Tarrasch Defence.

4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.♘f3 ♘bd7 6.♖c1

6.e3 h6 7.♗h4 O-O This is the way the theory of this opening has advanced till today. By means of these simplifying plans QGD is actually a rarity where it once earned its fame!

6...O-O

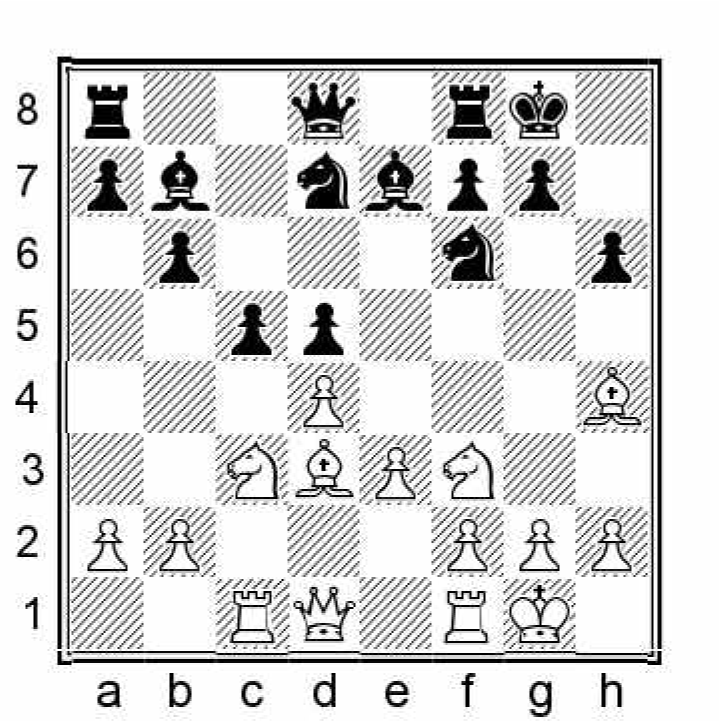
6...h6 would be transposing, of course. 7.♗h4 dxc4

7.e3 b6 Tarrasch chose the Tartakower-Makagonov-Bondarevsky system.

7...h6 has become an important move for Black in these positions, and it is more of a nuance which has been adopted more recently. 8.♗h4 b6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.♗d3 ♗b7 leads to similar positions.

8.cxd5 exd5 9.♗d3 ♗b7 10.O-O c5

10...h6 How is this nuance important these days, you may wonder? 11.♗h4 c5



And now, the Pillsbury Attack is not really in the cards, unless White starts with 12.♗f5!? ♖e8 13.♕c2 Now, of course, Rc8 for Black turns out to be a self-pinning move and we understand the importance of the bishop on f5. 13...♘h5 (13...♘f8 14.♖fd1 White is better here, dc5 and Ne5 are both in the cards. This position is one of the reasons Black opts for early dc4 and c5. (14.♘e5 allows the trades 14...♘e4)) 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♖fd1±

11.♖e1?! Being a pioneer is very hard. This is what Kasparov said about this move in his immortal work, "My Great Predecessors". Pillsbury realizes that Ne5 is premature, but the rook move is simply a waste of time.

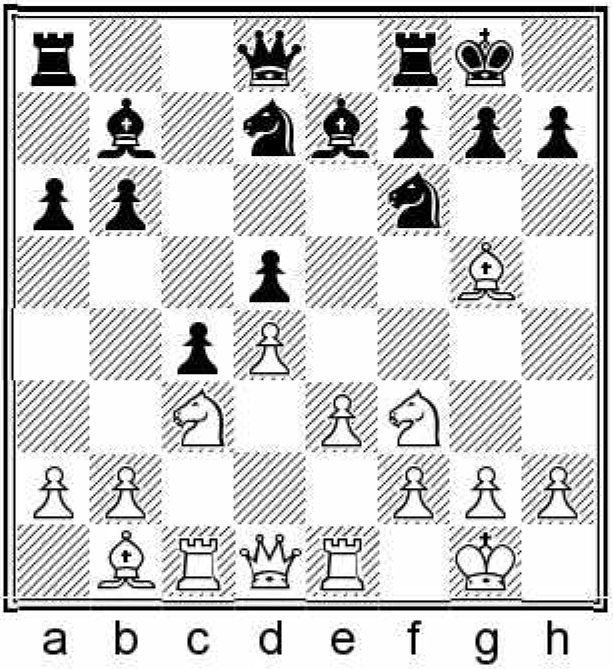
11.♘e5?! ♘xe5 12.dxe5 ♘e4 13.♗f4 ♘xc3 and White is left with nothing to play for.

11.♗f5 ♖e8 12.♕c2 g6 13.♗h3 is the way modern players and engines play, but I am sure the bishop on h3 wouldn't have felt exciting to Pillsbury.

11...c4

11...♘e4 As Tartakower pointed out, this is a perfectly fine move as well. 12.♗f4 ♘xc3 13.bxc3 c4 14.♗f5±

12.♗b1 a6

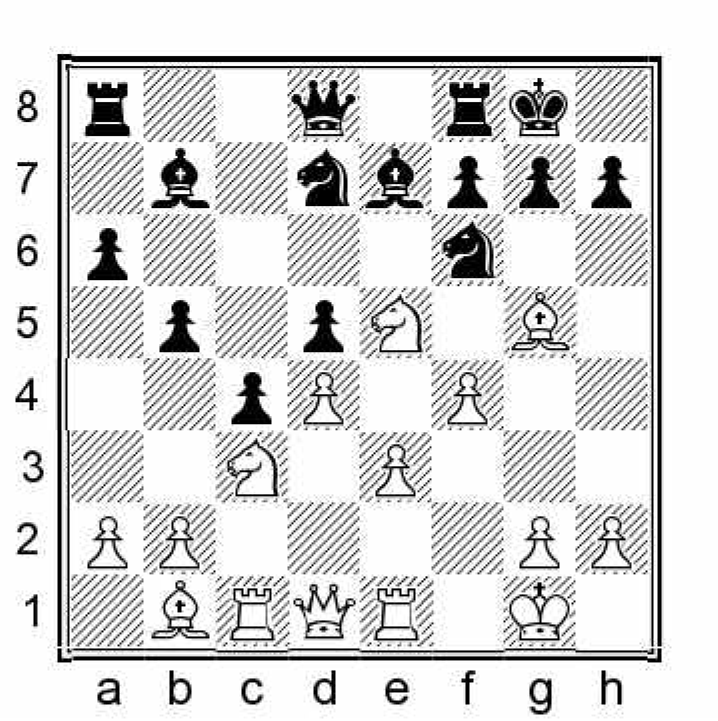


13.♘e5 Here comes, Harry Nelson!

13...b5

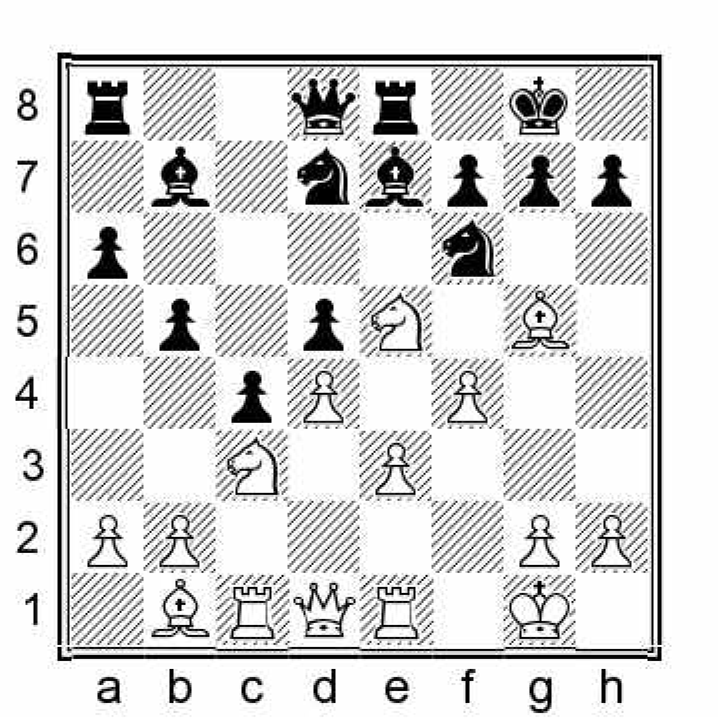
13...♘xe5? 14.dxe5 ♘d7 (14...♘e4? 15.♗xe7 ♘xc3?? 16.♗xh7++-) 15.♗xe7 ♕xe7 16.f4 ♕c5 17.♕g4→ and White's attack is in motion!

14.f4 The Pillsbury Attack, but not in its optimal form. It took a little bit of practice to perfect.



14...♖e8?! Tarrasch returns the favour by losing a similar tempo.

14...♘e4 would have been the equalizer. 15.♗xe4 dxe4 16.♘xd7 ♕xd7 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♖e2 pushing the d-pawn feels like the most plausible active play. 18...f5 19.♖d2 ♖fd8 20.d5 ♖d7 21.♖d4 ♖ad8 22.♖c2 b4 23.♘a4 ♖xd5 24.♖cxc4 g5! and the attack would fizzle out soon.



15.♕f3! Now White's attack is in full swing.

15...♘f8 16.♘e2?! Pillsbury was still learning the ropes.

16.♗xf6! removing the pressure from e4. 16...♗xf6 17.♖f1 (17.a3!? preventing the flank attack. 17...♗e7 18.♕h5 g6 19.♕h3 Now White, most likely wished he had his rook on f1. Still: Rf1 and f5 would allow a good practical play for White.) 17...b4 18.♘e2 a5 19.♘g3 a4 20.♘f5 White's attack is daunting, and it doesn't seem that a decisive attack could be built. However, it is more natural to chose playing White in this position as HIS play seems more natural.

16...♘e4 17.♗xe7 ♖xe7 18.♗xe4 dxe4 19.♕g3 f6 20.♘g4 ♔h8 21.f5! White improves his position, and though the engines are not so thrilled about this move, it is the only strategically sound move in this position.

21...♕d7 22.♖f1 ♖d8?! A waste of time.

22...a5 Black cannot afford to sit and wait in this position and should immediately start the counterplay on the queenside, supporting his pawn majority.

23.♖f4 ♕d6 24.♕h4?! Pillsbury is making all the attacking moves that make sense, though those are not necessarily the most accurate ones according to the new engines.

24.a3 is preferred by the engines, to stop Black's counterplay on the queenside.

24...♖de8 25.♘c3? The knight does not belong on the queenside, additionally it helps Black's plan with b4.

Instead, it had to be brought to the attack with 25.♖f2 followed by Nf4

25...♗d5?

25...b4! 26.♘a4 ♗d5 27.♘c5 ♘d7! and Black' counter-attack on the queenside is just winning. However, the Pillsbury Attack looked much scarier 127 years ago and Tarrasch tried too much of a solid approach in this game.

26.♘f2 ♕c6 From here on, a consecutive number of blunders turn the game into a highly interesting fight.

27.♖f1? Unfounded.

27.a3 a5 28.♘xd5 ♕xd5 29.♘h3!∞ was a must, as the queen has to retreat and White should remain happy with equality.

27...b4?!

27...♗f7 28.a3 a5 29.♖xe4 ♖xe4 30.♘cxe4 ♗d5 31.♘c3 ♖xe3 32.♕f4 ♖e8∓ would have led into a better position for Black.

28.♘e2?

28.♘xd5 ♕xd5 29.♘h3 ♖c7 30.♖4f2 c3 31.bxc3 ♖xc3 32.♘f4 and White is back in the game. 32...♕xf5?? 33.♘e2+-

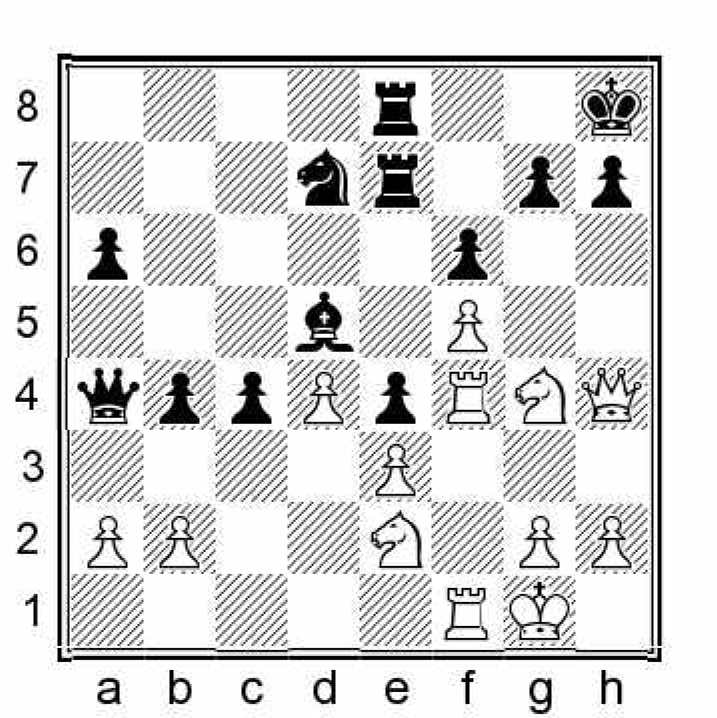
28...♕a4?!

28...c3-+ 29.bxc3 bxc3 30.♖c1 seems just winning. It appears that Tarrasch thought his position was totally winning. So, he began giving away many chances to his young opponent.

29.♘g4 Objectively, White is still losing but now a higher degree of accuracy is needed by Black.

29...♘d7?!

29...♖f7 30.♖4f2 ♕xa2 31.♘f4 ♕a5 would have been winning for Black as 32.♘g6+ ♔g8 33.♕g3 ♖a7!-+



30.♖4f2! Trying to improve the position of his knight and place it on f4.

30...♔g8? This move totally turns things into White's favour.

30...♕xa2 31.♘f4 Now Ng6 is a major surprise and the knight on d7 is blocking the rook on e7. 31...♕a5! 32.♘g6+ ♔g8 33.♘xe7+ ♖xe7∓ is still better for Black despite the material deficit.

31.♘c1? Why?!

31.♘f4 ♕b5 (31...♗f7? 32.d5± and both Ne6 or d6 are major threats.) 32.♕g3 ♔f8 33.h4→ seems promising for White!

31...c3 32.b3 ♕c6 33.h3 a5 Pillsbury wasted too many tempi and Black is the one holding the advantage once again.

34.♘h2? This is a little too slow.

34...a4 35.g4 axb3?!

35...h6!? Delaying White's break with g5 would have been important for Black in this position. He can focus on the queenside after 36.♕g3 axb3 37.axb3 ♖a8-+

36.axb3 ♖a8 37.g5 White is still losing, but at least he managed to build up an attack.

37...♖a3?!

37...fxg5 38.♕xg5 ♕f6-+

38.♘g4 Pillsbury followed the rule that once you start something, you have to finish it. Or, a bad idea is better than no idea at all.

38...♗xb3?? This is the moment Black lost his advantage.

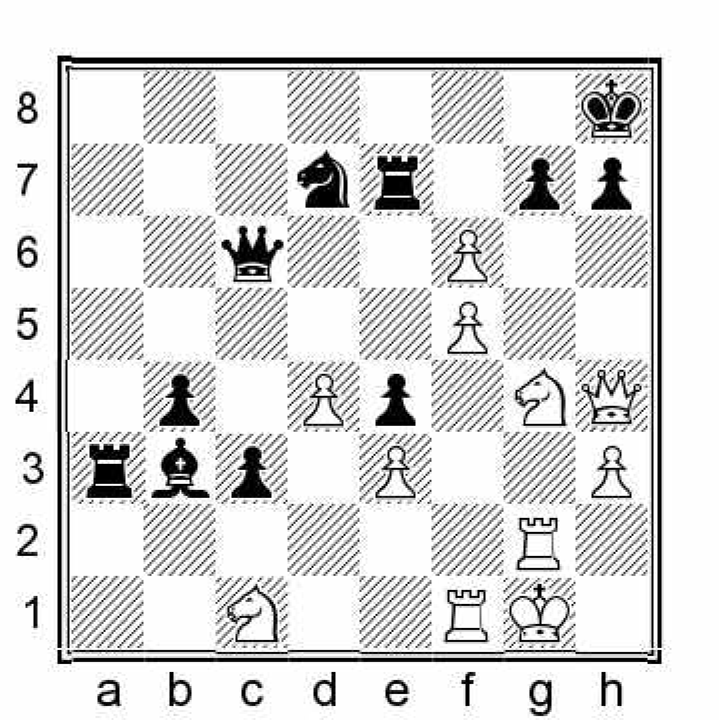
38...fxg5 39.♕xg5 ♘f6 was still positionally winning.

39.♖g2! Pillsbury is back into his element.

39...♔h8

39...fxg5 40.♕xg5 ♔f8 41.f6+- was the line shown by Tartakower.

40.gxf6



40...gxf6?? Losing blunder and possibly the curse of move 40!

40...♘xf6 41.♘e5 ♕b7 42.♘g6+ ♔g8 43.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 44.♘xb3 ♖xb3 45.♔h1 ♕f8 would keep Black in the game.

41.♘xb3

41.♘e5! would have won on the spot. 41...♘xe5 42.dxe5 ♖xe5 43.♕h6 and mate is inevitable.

41...♖xb3 42.♘h6 ♖g7 43.♖xg7 ♔xg7 44.♕g3+! ♔xh6

44...♔f8 45.♕g8+ ♔e7 46.♕xb3+-

45.♔h1!

45.♖f4?? would have allowed for a perpetual, of course 45...♖b1+ 46.♔g2 ♖b2+ 47.♔g1=

45...♕d5

45...c2 pushing the pawn doesn't work either, as Black's king will get mated: 46.♖g1 c1=♕ 47.♕h4# Tartakower.

46.♖g1 The rest of the game was just a matter or technique.

46...♕xf5 47.♕h4+ ♕h5 48.♕f4+ ♕g5 49.♖xg5 fxg5 50.♕d6+ ♔h5 51.♕xd7 c2?

51...♖b1+

52.♕xh7# 1-0

A beautiful game that pioneered the Pillsbury Attack.

Let us see, how Harry Nelson worked on perfecting his idea in future games.

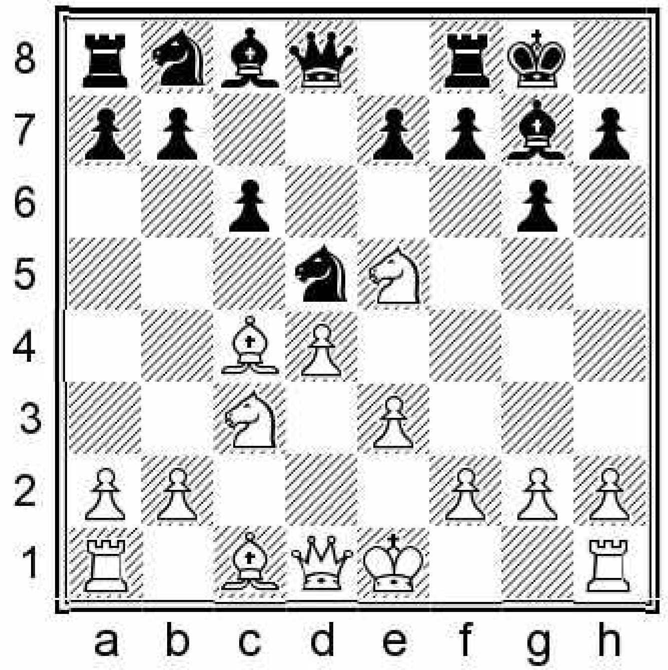
D94
Pillsbury, Harry Nelson - Gunsberg, Isidor
Hastings, 1895

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.♘f3 ♘f6 6.♗d3 O-O 7.♘e5?! This is just a historical notion to a great chess event. In the last round Pillsbury needed to win in order to maintain his half point lead over Chigorin and one point lead over Lasker. Ironically, he had conceded both of his games to his closest rival. In this tournament he chose his favourite attack at any time he could. His choice against Gunsberg's Schlechter-Slav was suboptimal, but the final phase of the game is a chess birlliancy worthy of showing.

7...dxc4

7...c5! would have neutralized all of White's hopes, of course this being one of the ideas we employ these days.

8.♗xc4 ♘d5



9.f4! Supporting his knight and preparing for the kingside attack.

9...♗e6 10.♕b3 b5?

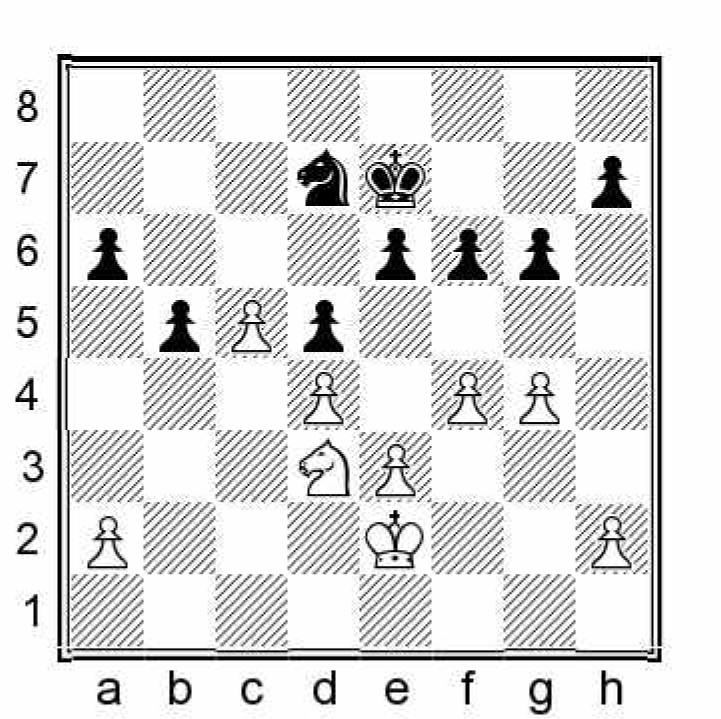
10...♘d7! was the dynamic solution which Gunsberg failed to see. 11.♕xb7?? ♘xe5 12.fxe5 ♖b8 13.♕xc6 ♘b4-+

11.♗xd5 ♗xd5 12.♘xd5 ♕xd5 Now, of course, Black's approach to go into an endgame, avoided out typical idea for this article. However, I wanted to show how this pawn structure leads to a much better endgame.

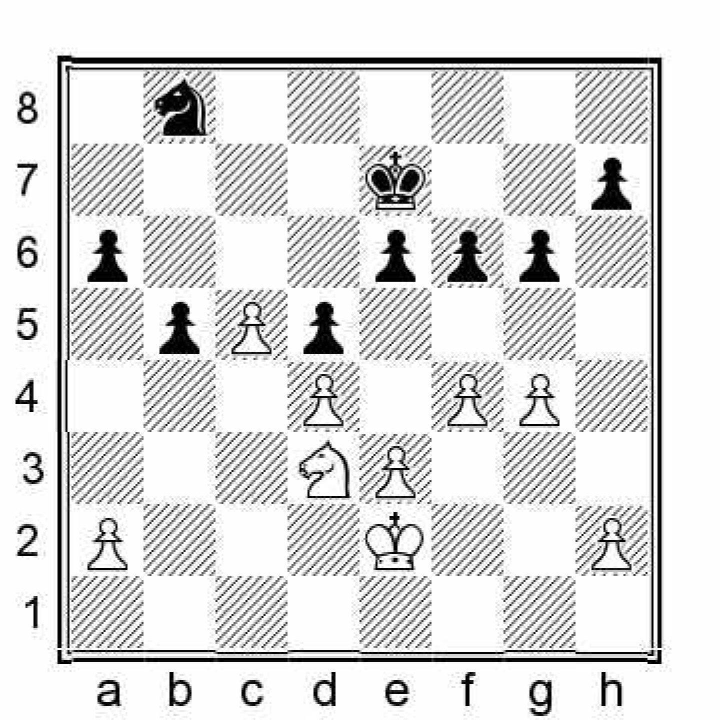
13.♕xd5 cxd5 14.♘d3 ♘d7 15.♗d2± ♖fc8 16.♔e2 e6 17.♖hc1 ♗f8 18.♖xc8 ♖xc8 19.♖c1? This wasn't the correct way to push for the win. Fortunately for Pillsbury, his opponent messed up a little later.

19.a4!±

19...♖xc1 20.♗xc1 ♗d6 21.♗d2 ♔f8 22.♗b4 ♔e7 23.♗c5 a6 24.b4 f6 25.g4 ♗xc5 26.bxc5 Draw seems to be the likely outcome but...



26...♘b8?? A blunder that gives Pillsbury a chance to create one of the most beautiful endgame studies in a real practical game.



27.f5! g5

27...gxf5 28.gxf5 exf5 29.♘f4+-

28.♘b4 a5 29.c6! ♔d6

29...axb4 30.c7+-

30.fxe6!! ♘xc6 31.♘xc6 ♔xc6 32.e4! dxe4 33.d5+ - and White's connected passers decided the game!

33...♔d6 34.♔e3 b4 35.♔xe4 a4 36.♔d4 h5 37.gxh5 a3 38.♔c4 f5 39.h6 f4 40.h7 1-0

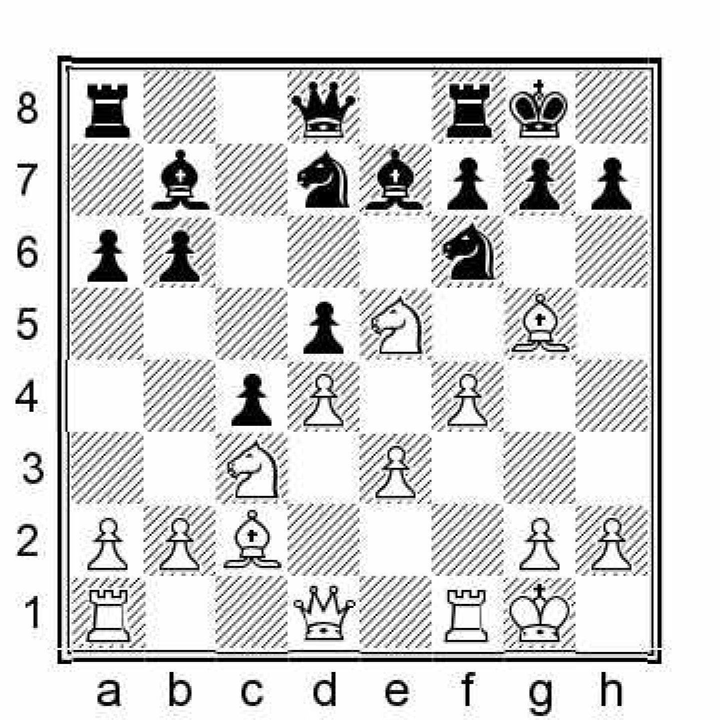
D55
Pillsbury, Harry Nelson - Marco, Georg
Paris, 1900

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.e3 O-O 6.♘f3 b6 7.♗d3 ♗b7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.♘e5 ♘bd7 10.f4 c5 11.O-O In this game, Pillsbury got the chance to demonstrate how venomous his attack really is, thanks to Marco's slow response.

11...c4?

11...cxd4 12.exd4 ♘e4 was the equalizer.

12.♗c2 a6? After this mistake, White has a decisive attack, which Pillsburry executed brilliantly.



13.♕f3! With the e4-square being secure White's attack is unstoppable.

13...b5 14.♕h3 g6 15.f5 b4 16.fxg6 hxg6 17.♕h4! Accuracy is important in building the attack, and Pillsbury didn't miss anything.

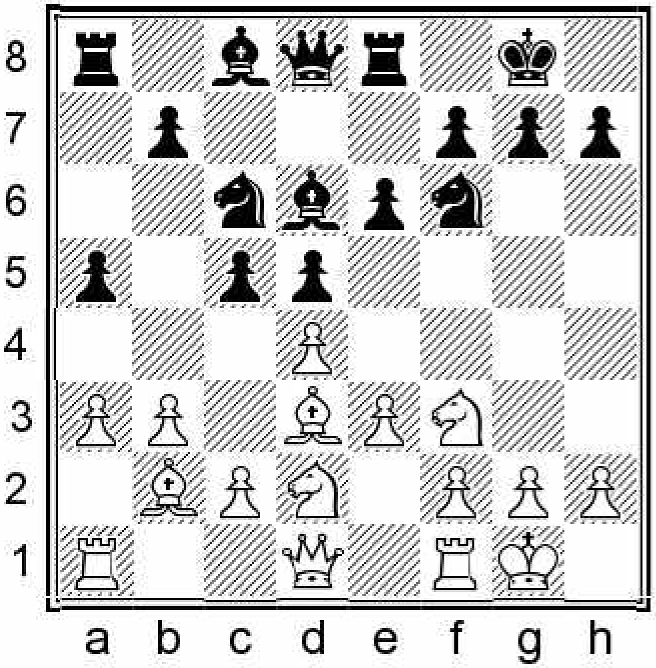
17...bxc3 18.♘xd7 ♕xd7 19.♖xf6! The beautifully, merciless winning idea.

19...a5 20.♖af1 ♖a6 21.♗xg6 fxg6 22.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 23.♖xf8+ 1-0

I chose one more game of Pillsbury to demonstrate that his idea works in other set-ups as well. In this game the opening of choice wasn't the QGD set up, but Pillsbury did achieve a winning position with complete demonstration of the extent his attack can succeed. Sadly, this game did not yield him a victory.

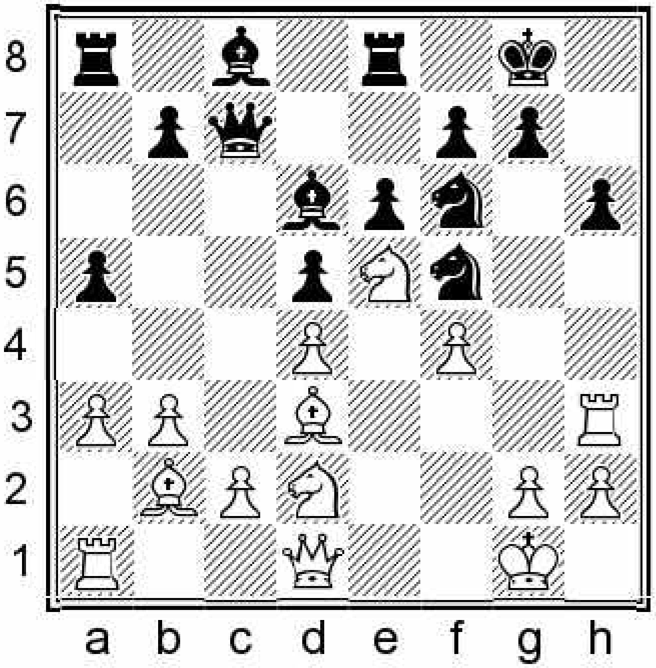
D05
Pillsbury, Harry Nelson - Barrett/Claiborne

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.e3 e6 4.♗d3 c5 5.b3 ♘c6 6.O-O ♗d6 7.♗b2 O-O 8.a3 a5 9.♘bd2 ♖e8



10.♘e5 Similarly to the other games we have seen and to the London System (where the dark-square bishop finds itself on f4 instead, of course), which has become quite popular these days.

10...♕c7 11.f4 cxd4 12.exd4 ♘e7 13.♖f3 ♘f5 14.♖h3 h6



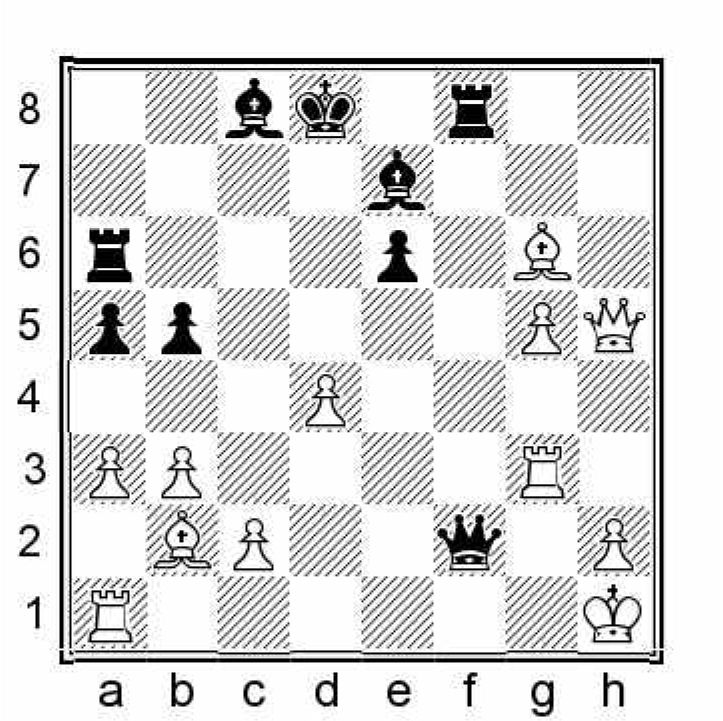
15.g4! The badly placed knights and the h6 - hook are just attracting this typical idea.

15...♘e7 16.g5 hxg5 17.fxg5 ♘e4 Black is dead lost. It is hard to know what happened to Pillsbury that made him spoil such a winning position.

18.♘xe4 dxe4 19.♕h5 ♘g6 20.♘xg6 fxg6 21.♕h7+ ♔f7 22.♗xe4 ♔e7 23.♕xg7+ ♔d8 24.♕f6+ ♗e7 25.♕xg6 ♖a6 26.♕h5 ♕f4 27.♗g6 ♖f8 28.♖g3 Around here somewhere he probably panicked, and got scared of a potential attack to his king and started misplaying to the point that he was lost. I am not sure how the game got drawn as the final positiion seems winning for Black. Chess historians could certainly explain this better, there was no other explanation I could come up with. The purpose this article was to emphasise the power of the Pillsbury Attack and I think I was able to show that with the games up to this point.

All White had to do here was to regroup a little and with the extra material it shouldn't have been a problem for Pillsbury to convert the game. 28.♗d3 ♕f2+ 29.♔h1+-

28...♕f2+ 29.♔h1 b5



30.♕g4?? Turning the tables.

30.♗e4; 30.♖d1

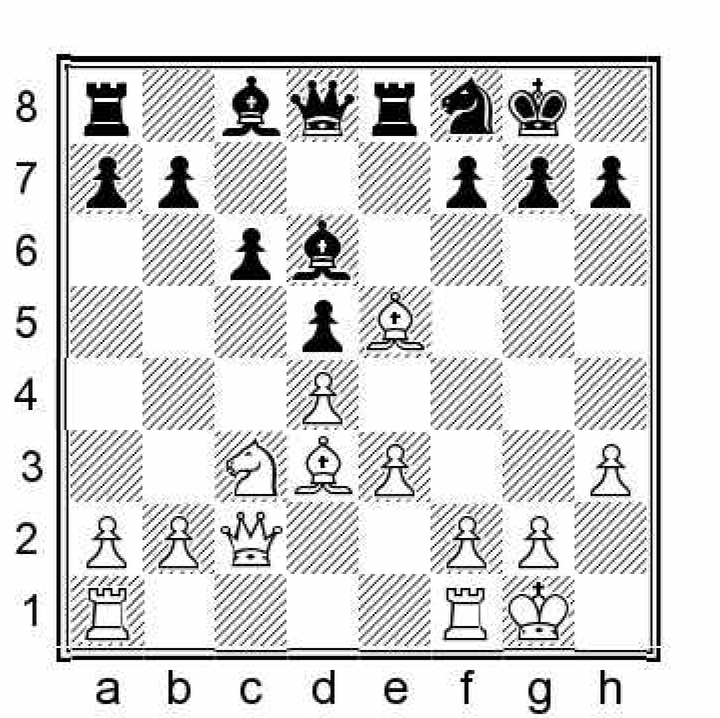
30...♖f4 31.♕xf4 ♕xf4 32.♔g1 ♗xg5 33.♖f1 ♕d2 34.♗e4 ♖a7 35.♗c3 ♕e2 36.♖e1 ♕h5 37.♗f3 ♕h4 38.♖e4 ♕h6 39.♔h1 ♖h7 40.♗xa5+ ♔e8 41.♖e2 The final position is, of course, winning for Black. **1/2-1/2**

D35
Riumin, Nikolay - Kan, Ilia
Moscow, 1936

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♘bd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.♗f4 c6 7.e3 ♗e7 8.♗d3 O-O 9.♕c2 ♖e8 10.h3 ♘f8 11.♘e5

It is important to note that all the attacks do not work, not all of them lead to mates, but if you are able to get a better position or endgame because your opponent gave up some strategical edge, you should take advatage of it. This is a game where Black neutralizes White's first wave, but then he succumbs to White's pawn avalanche.

11...♘6d7 12.O-O ♘xe5 13.♗xe5 ♗d6



14.f4! A very important consideration.

14...f6 15.♗xd6 ♕xd6 16.♖f3 ♗e6 17.♔h1 White prepares to push his pawns. The e3-pawn is not that weak. White is only slightly better, but his initiative is there to stay.

17...♖e7 18.♖g1 ♖ae8 19.g4 ♗f7?! Black's reaction is a bit slow. This enables White to construct his long-lasting initiative.

19...♗d7 20.♕f2 c5⇄

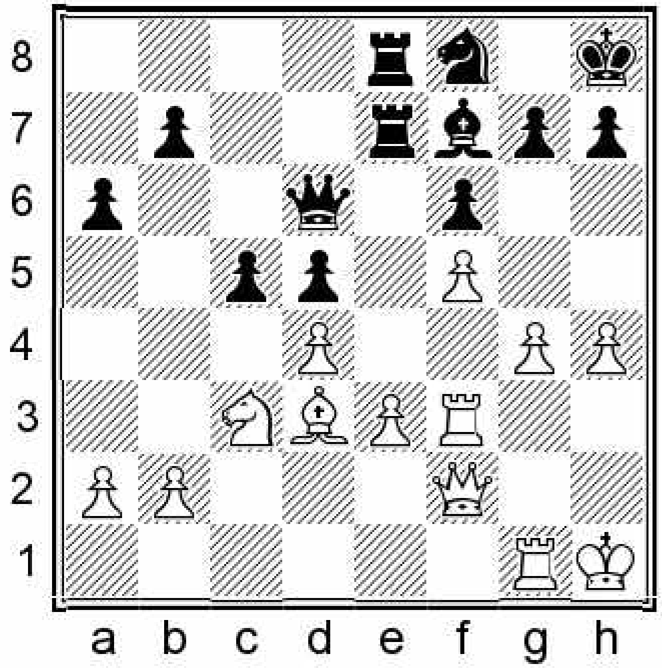
20.♕f2 ♔h8?!

20...♘d7 21.f5 ♘b6 22.♖fg3 ♘c4⇄

21.h4 a6?!

21...c5; 21...♘d7

22.f5 c5 Black finally got to counterattack the center, but a little too late.

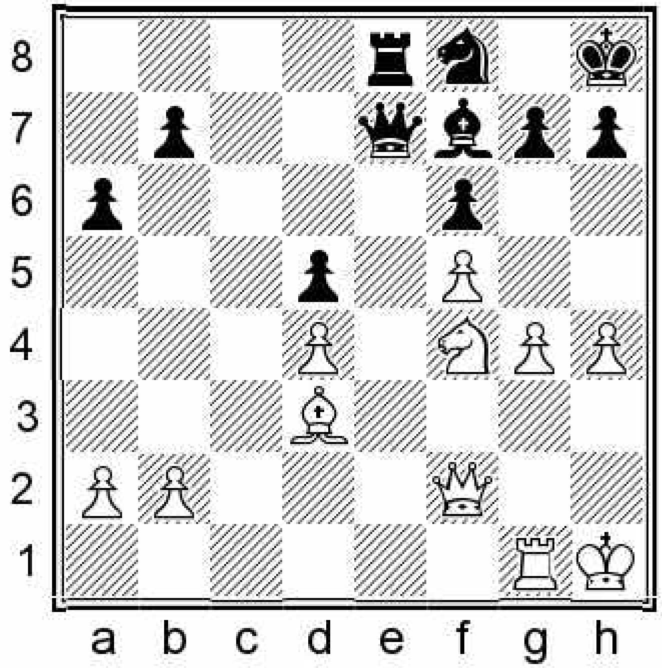


23.♘e2! cxd4 24.exd4 ♕b4 25.♘f4 ♖e1 26.♖g3? Squanders most of White's advantage.

White missed this nice opportunity to continue his attack: 26.g5! ♖xg1+ 27.♔xg1 ♕e7 28.g6 ♗g8 29.gxh7 ♗xh7 30.h5 ♕e1+ 31.♕xe1 ♖xe1+ 32.♔f2 ♖e8 33.♘g6+ ♗xg6 34.hxg6+- and White's pawns dominate Black's knight.

26...♖xg1+ 27.♖xg1 ♕e7?! With White's pawn on g5, Black's minor pieces are very badly placed longterm. Despite ensuring an endgame Black is worse and he succumbed to his fate very soon.

27...h6



28.g5! fxg5 29.hxg5 ♕e3 30.♕xe3 ♖xe3 31.♔g2 ♗e8 32.♔f2 ♖e7 33.♖c1 ♗c6 34.♔f3 ♖f7 35.♔g4

Technically in this position Black is down a knight and a king!

35...♖c7 36.♘e6 ♘xe6 37.fxe6 ♔g8 38.♔f5 ♔f8 39.♔e5 g6 40.♔d6 ♖e7 41.♗xa6 ♔e8 42.♗d3 1-0

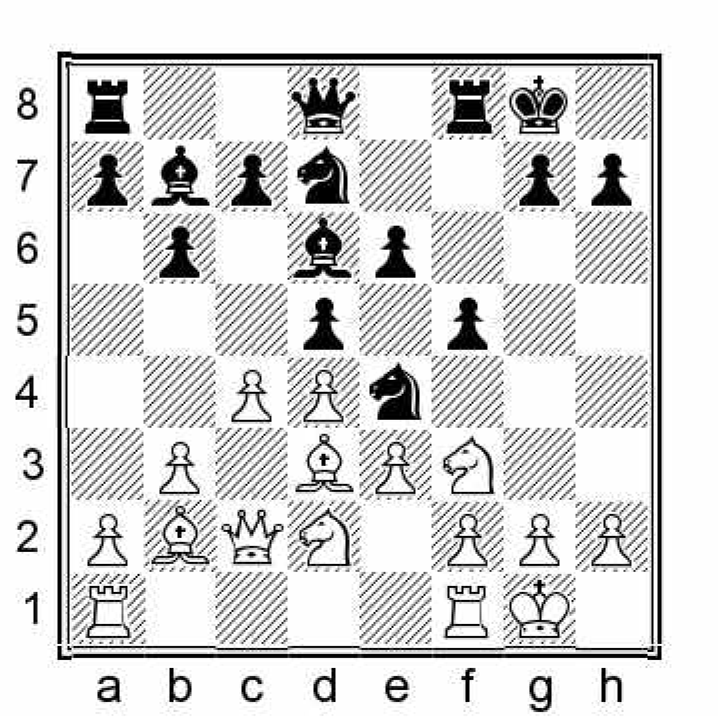
I remember as a kid, I found Tony Miles' style to be really amazing, and I figured this was the right time and article to include one of his games.

E14
Dizdarevic, Emir (2425) - Miles, Anthony (2560)
Biel (open), 1985

1.c4 b6 2.d4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e3 ♗b7 5.♗d3 d5 6.b3 ♗d6 7.O-O O-O 8.♗b2 ♘bd7 9.♘bd2

Throughout the history the Pillsbury Attack has developed, and of course, is not only applicable for the white pieces. Once the set up is right it can be played from Black side as well.

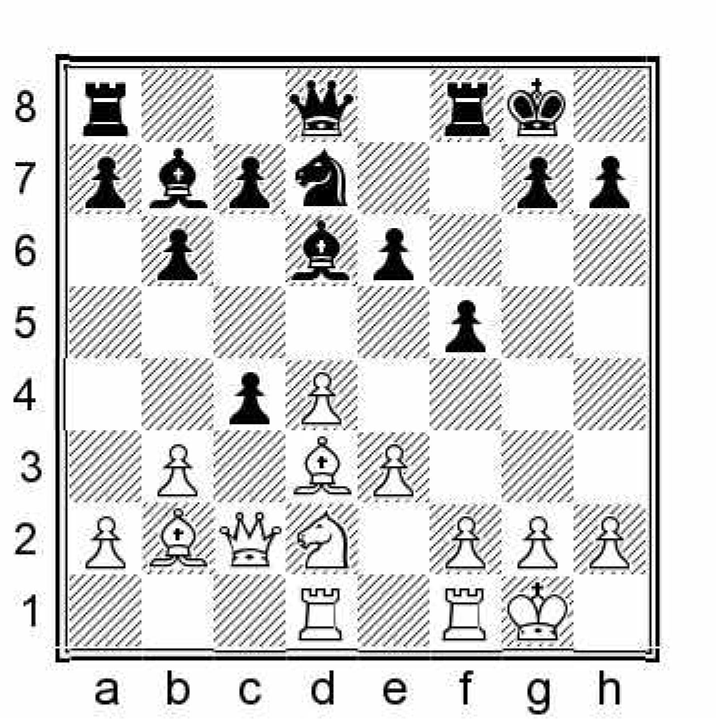
9...♘e4 10.♕c2 f5



11.♖ad1??

11.♘e5 This is the more accurate approach for White in the position, but brilliancies are made when the opponents make mistakes, or else we couldn't learn from these games. 11...♗xe5 12.dxe5 ♘dc5 13.♘xe4 dxe4 14.♗e2 ♕g5 15.♗a3 f4 16.exf4 ♕xf4 17.♗xc5 bxc5 18.♕c3 ♖ad8 19.♖ad1 ♖xd1 20.♗xd1 ♖f5 21.♗e2 ♗c6 22.g3 ♕g5 23.♕e3 ♕e7 24.f4 exf3 25.♗xf3 ♕f7 26.♗g2 ♖xf1+ 27.♗xf1 ♕f5 28.♗d3 ♕g4 29.♗e2 ♕f5 30.♗d3 ♕g4 31.♗e2 ♕f5 32.♗d3 1/2 : 1/2 Dziuba, Marcin 2568 - Ter Sahakyan,Samvel 2637, Warszawa (rapid) 2021

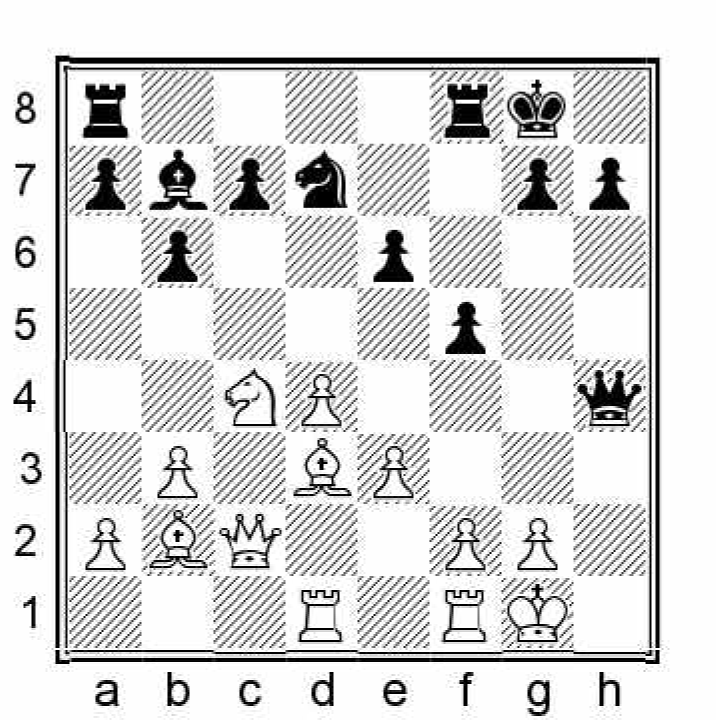
11...♘xd2 12.♘xd2 dxc4



13.♘xc4?? And now comes the Greek Gift!

13.♕xc4

13...♗xh2+! 14.♔xh2 ♕h4+ 15.♔g1



15...♗f3!! A brilliant "invisible move" (term used in the famous book by Yochanan Afek and Emmanuel Neiman "Invisible Chess Moves", which hapens to be one of my favorites) found by Miles after which White is lost.

GM Dizdarevic might have counted on 15...♗xg2? 16.f3! ♗xf1 17.♗xf1 and White's king is super safe in this position.

16.♘d2

Only now comes **16...♗xg2!** As the Qc2 is now cut-off from White's kingside.

17.f3 ♖f6 18.♘c4 ♗h3 - and the mate or large material loss is inevitable. **0-1**

This nice win by Ivanchuk deserves our attention too.

E52
Ivanchuk, Vassily (2769) - Wang, Hao (2726)
Istanbul (ol), 2012

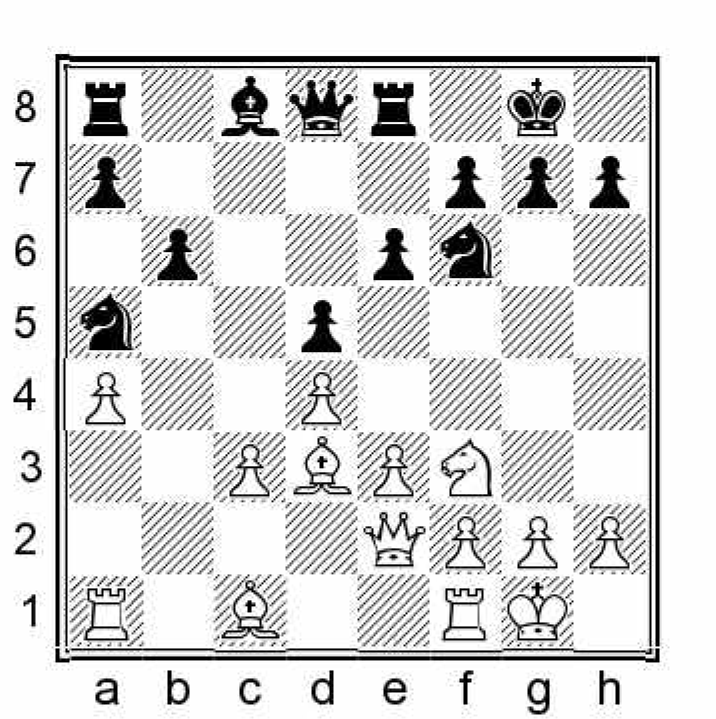
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.♘f3 b6 7.a3!? ♗xc3+ 8.bxc3 c6?! This idea seems a littlle too passive, in my opinion.

8...♗a6 This seems like a better approach for Black as tried in the following game: 9.cxd5 ♗xd3 10.♕xd3 ♕xd5 (10...exd5 11.c4) 11.c4 ♕e4 12.♕xe4 ♘xe4 13.♘d2 ♘xd2 14.♗xd2 ♘d7 15.♔e2 c5 16.a4 ♖ac8 17.♖hc1 ♖c7 18.a5 ♖fc8 19.axb6 axb6 20.f3 cxd4 21.exd4 f6 22.♗e3 ♖xc4 23.♖xc4 ♖xc4 24.♖a7 ♘f8 25.♖b7 ♖c6 26.♗d2 h5 27.♖b8 ♔f7 28.♖b7+ ♔g6 29.h4 ♔h7 30.♔d3 ♘g6 31.g3 e5 32.♗c3 ♖d6 33.♔e3 ♖c6 34.♔d3 exd4 35.♗xd4 ♘e5+ 36.♗xe5 fxe5 37.♔e4 ♖g6 38.f4 exf4 39.gxf4 ♖c6 40.f5 ♔h6 41.♔d5 ♖c5+ 42.♔e6 b5 43.♖b8 ♔h7 44.♖b7 ♖c4 45.♖xb5 ♖e4+ 46.♔d5? (46.♖e5) 46...♖xh4 47.♔e5 ♖g4 48.♖b6 h4 49.f6 (49.♖b3) 49...gxf6+-+ Peralta,Fernando 2590 - Iturrizaga Bonelli,Eduardo 2650, Baku (ol) 2016

9.cxd5 cxd5 10.♕e2!

10.c4 has been tried successfully by White too, taking advantage of the better control of the centre. 10...dxc4 11.♗xc4 ♕c7 12.♗e2 ♗a6 13.♗xa6 ♘xa6 14.♕d3 ♖ac8 15.♗d2 ♕c4 16.♔e2 ♘b8 17.♕xc4 ♖xc4 18.♖hc1 ♖fc8 19.♖xc4 ♖xc4 20.♘e5 ♖c8 21.a4 ♘e4 22.♗e1 f6 23.♘d3 ♘d7 24.a5 ♖c7 (24...b5) 25.axb6 axb6 26.f3 ♘g5 (26...♘c3+ 27.♗xc3 ♖xc3 28.♖a7±) 27.♖a8+ ♘f8 28.♗b4 1 : 0 Predke,Alexandr 2580 - Movsesian,Sergei 2632, Riga (blitz) 2021

10...♘c6 11.O-O ♘a5 12.a4 ♖e8



13.♘e5 And here starts the Pillsbury Attack!

13...♘e4 14.f3 First to push back the knight before proceeding with f4. Obviously the c3-pawn is poisonous.

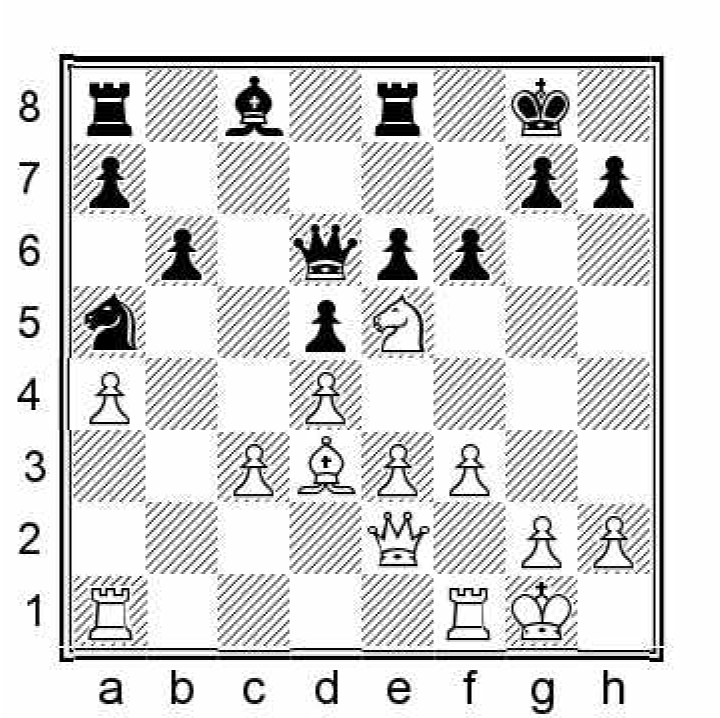
14.♕c2!? is interesting, but it does not seem fast enough. 14...♗b7 (14...f6 15.f3 fxe5 16.fxe4 exd4 17.e5! ×h7) 15.f3 ♘f6 16.♗a3 ♖c8 17.♖ac1±

14...♘d6

14...♘f6 15.♗a3 ♕c7 (15...♗b7?? 16.♗b5+-) 16.g4±

15.♗a3 ♗b7

15...f6 16.♗xd6 ♕xd6



17.f4! f5 (17...fxe5?? 18.fxe5 ♕e7 19.♕h5 g6 20.♗xg6+-) 18.♔h1 followed by g4.

16.♗xd6 ♕xd6 17.f4 g6 Possibly a weakening move, but it isn't easy to find a way to meet the opponent's attack otherwise.

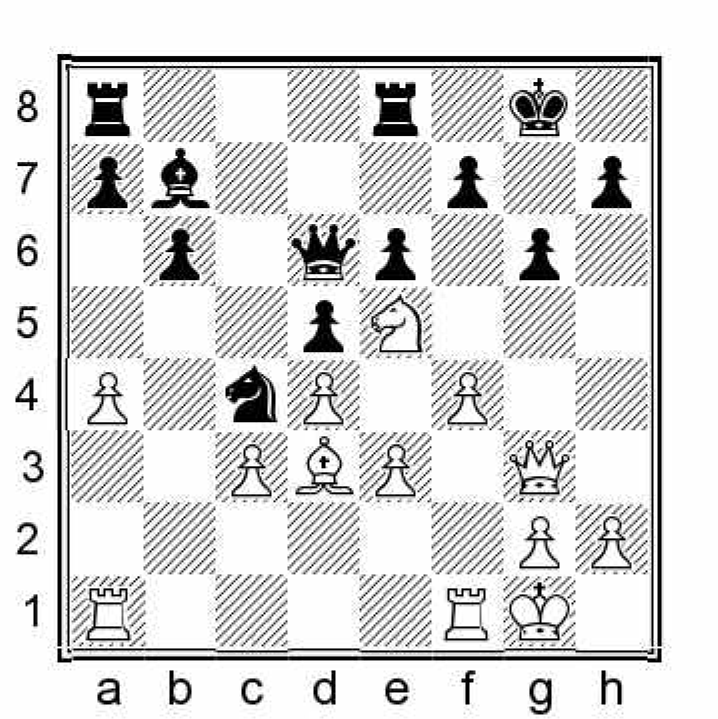
18.♕g4

18.h4!

18...♘c4 19.♕g3

19.♘xc4?! This isn't the time to go for the pawns on the other side of the board. 19...dxc4 20.♗xc4 ♖ec8 21.♕e2 ♕c6 22.♗d3 ♕xc3∓;

19.♗xc4!? dxc4 20.♕g5 ♕d8 21.♘g4±



19...♕c7??

19...♕e7 20.♘xc4 dxc4 21.♗c2! a6 22.h4→

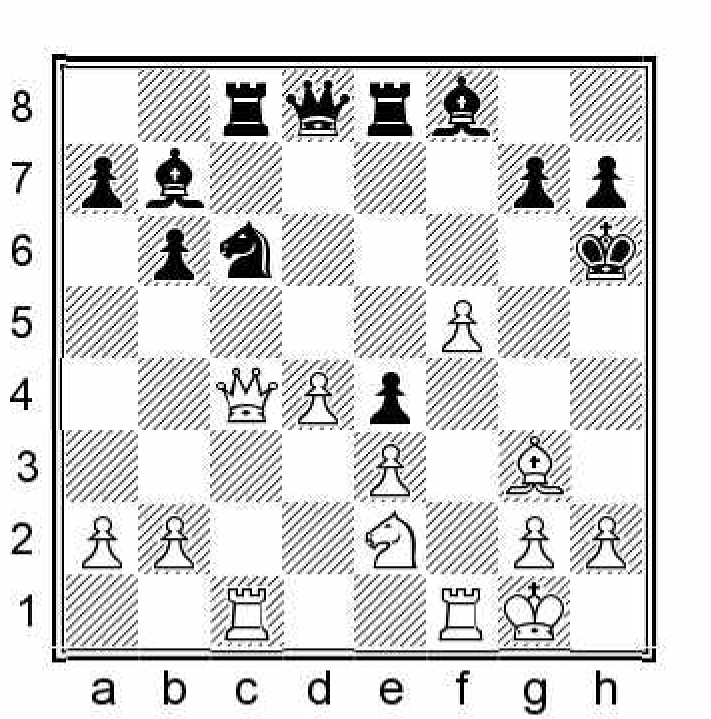
From here it was a matter of technique for Ivanchuk to convert the game and he did it in style! **20.♗xc4 dxc4 21.f5 f6 22.fxg6 fxe5 23.♖f7 ♕c6 24.gxh7+ ♔xf7 25.♖f1+ ♔e7 26.h8=♕ ♖xh8 27.♕g7+ ♔d6 28.dxe5+ ♔c5 29.♕e7+ ♔d5 30.♖d1+ ♔e4 31.♖d4+ ♔xe3 32.♕g5+ ♔e2 33.♕d2# 1-0**

Let's see what modern theory has to say about the Pillsbury Attack. I chose this game to show that sometimes the attack could fail.

E51
Keymer, Vincent (2639) - Bjerre, Jonas Buhl (2569)
Terme Catez 150/183, 2021

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.e3 O-O 6.♗d2 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♖c1 ♖e8 9.♗d3 ♗b7 10.O-O ♗f8 11.♘e5 c5 12.f4 ♘c6 13.♘e2 ♖c8 14.♗e1 ♘e4 15.♗xe4 dxe4 16.♘xf7 This leads to a very interesting, but complicated line. At the first glance it looks winning for White, but it is only a complicated game for the engines!

16...♔xf7 17.♕b3+ c4! 18.♕xc4+ ♔g6 19.f5+ ♔h6 20.♗g3

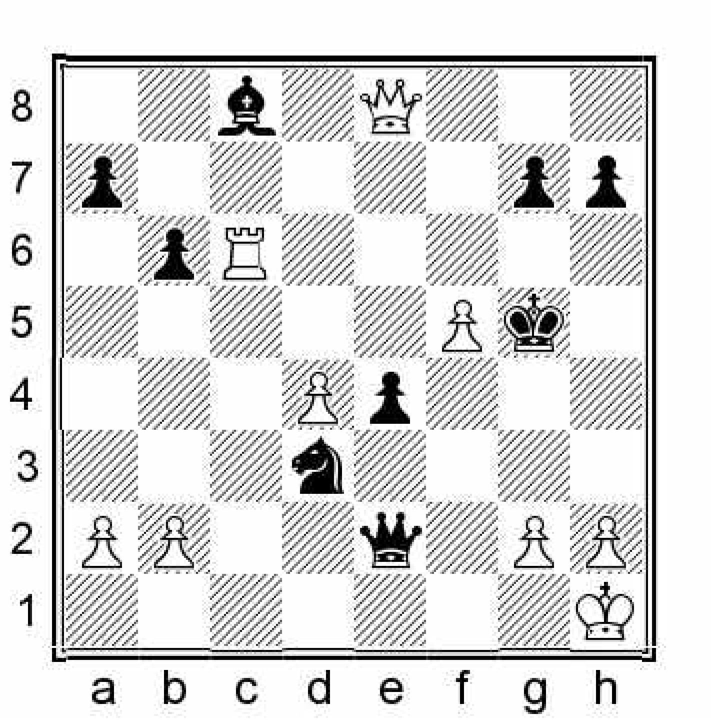


20...♘e5! It is very easy to lose in this position with Black.

20...♗d6?! A bit surreal. 21.f6 (21.♘f4?! This gives Black what he wants. 21...♘e5 22.♕e2 ♘f3+! 23.gxf3 exf3 24.♕d3 ♗e4 25.♕b5 ♕g5 26.♕d7?? ♗xf4-+ Samunenkov,Ihor 2371 - Svane,Frederik 2493, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2022) 21...♘e5 22.♕b3 ♖xc1 23.♘xc1 ♘g4 24.♕f7 ♘xf6 25.♕xb7 ♗xg3 26.hxg3 ♕e7⩱∞

21.♕g8 ♗e7 22.♖xc8 ♗xc8 23.♗f4+ ♗g5 24.♗xg5+ ♕xg5 25.♕xe8 ♕xe3+ 26.♔h1 ♕xe2 This is all forced so far.

27.♖c1 ♘d3 28.♖c6+ ♔g5



29.♕e7+?? Most likely Keymer forgot his preparation.

29.h3! ♗xf5 30.♕e7+ ♔h5 31.♕xg7 ♕f1+ 32.♔h2 ♕f4+ 33.♔g1=

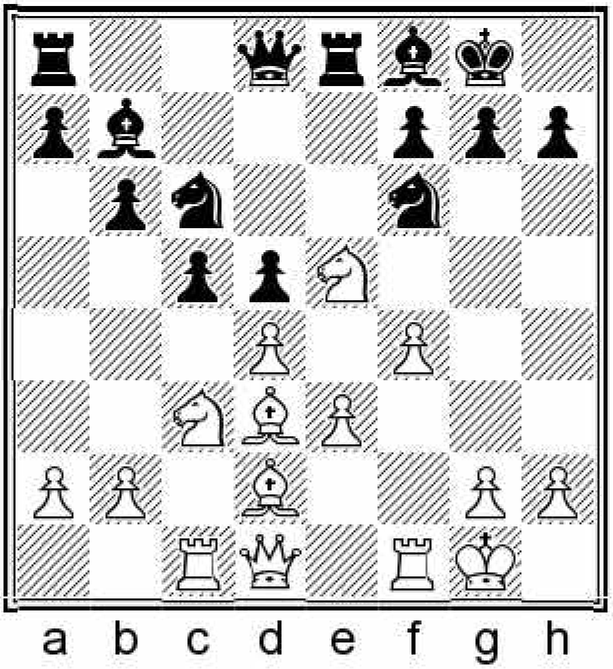
29...♔f4 30.h3 Now it is a little too late.

30...♕e1+ 31.♔h2 ♕g3+ 32.♔h1 ♘f2+ 33.♔g1 ♘xh3+ 34.♔h1 ♕e1+ - and the mate is inevitable. **0-1**

E52
Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701) - Firouzja, Alireza (2804)
Warszawa (blitz), 2021

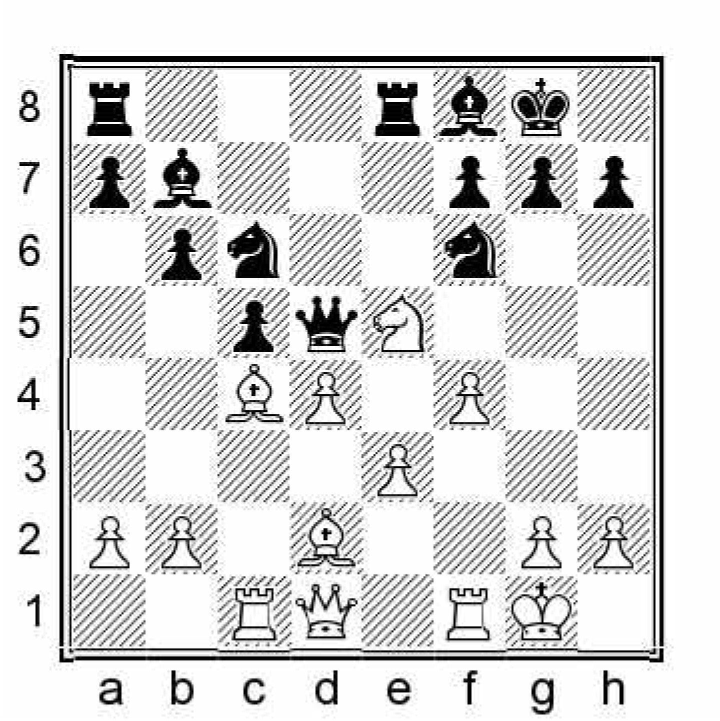
1.d4 Once again following the line from the previous game.

1...♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d2 d5 6.♘f3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♖c1 ♗b7 9.♗d3 ♖e8 10.O-O ♗f8 11.♘e5 c5 12.f4 ♘c6



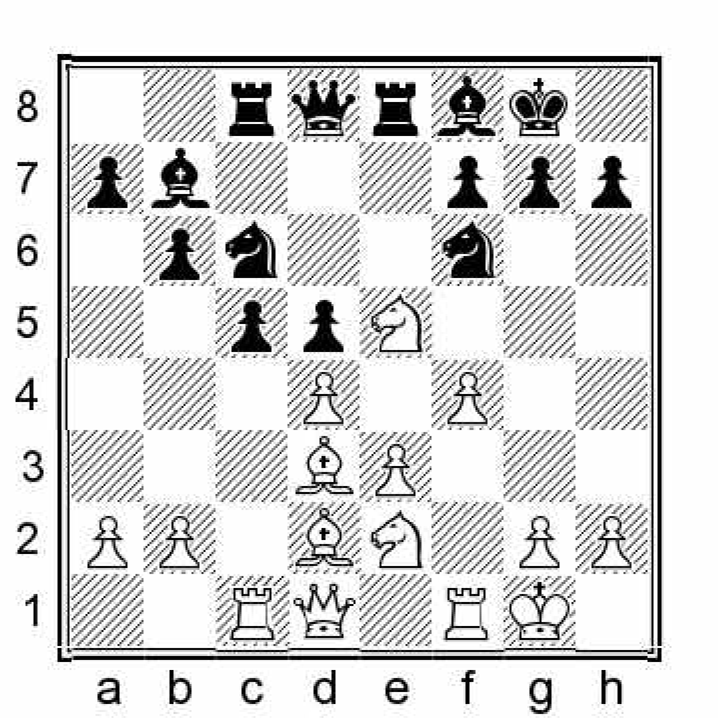
13.♘e2!?

13.♘xd5!? At the first sight it looks winning for White, but Black has a strong counter with: 13...♕xd5 14.♗c4



14...♕xg2+!! 15.♔xg2 ♘xe5+ 16.♔g1 ♘xc4 17.♖xc4 ♖ad8! The attack is gone and White's king shelter is weakend. Engines confirm that Black's compensation is tangible. In fact, in my opinion it is Black who has an easier game. 18.♕a4 a6 19.♖cc1 ♖e6 (19...h6 20.a3 ♘e4 21.♗e1 ♖e6 is also good for Black as White cannot play 22.f5?? due to 22...♘g5!-+) 20.f5 ♖e4 21.♖f4 ♖xf4 22.exf4 ♖xd4 23.♕c2 ♗e4 24.♕d1 ♗xf5 Black is not really down that much in material and the game is much easier for him. 25.♕e2 ♗d3 26.♕e3 ♘g4 27.♕g3 ♗e4 28.♕xg4 ♖xd2 29.f5 ♖d4 30.♖a1 ♗c6 31.♕g5 (31.♕h5) 31...h6 32.♕e3 ♖g4+ 33.♔f1 ♗d6 34.♖d1 ♗xh2 35.♖d8+ ♔h7 36.♕h3 ♖f4+ 37.♔e2 ♖e4+ 38.♔d1 ♗e5 39.f6 ♖f4 40.fxg7 ♔xg7 41.♕g3+ ♔f6 42.♕d3 ♔e7 43.♖c8?? (43.♕e3) 43...♖d4 44.♕xd4 ♗f3+ 0 : 1 Budisavljevic,Luka 2454 - Predke,Alexandr 2684, Srbija 2020

13...♖c8



14.♗e1! Rerouting the bishop to h4 before the rook lift. Maghsoodloo lashes out the right move with high accuracy. It is possible that he might had this position analysed prior to this game.

14...♘e4 15.♗xe4 dxe4 16.♘xf7!? ♕d5?! But, this is inaccurate. In the previous game we have seen how Black should play.

16...♔xf7 17.♕b3+ c4! This was the only way to go. Maybe during the blitz game Firouzja couldn't recall all the details of this complicated line.

17.♘e5! Though there were still some mistakes on both sides, I really enjoyed the way White converted this game and hope the readers would as well.

17...♘xe5 18.dxe5 ♕xa2

18...♕xd1 leads to a much better endgame for White. 19.♖xd1 ♗a6 20.♔f2±

19.♗c3 ♕d5? The last mistake after which the game seems one sided.

19...♖ed8! 20.♕e1 b5∞

20.♕e1 b5 21.♖d1 ♕c4 22.b4 cxb4 23.♗d4 ♖c7 24.f5 ♗c8 25.e6 ♕a2 26.♕g3 ♖b7 27.♘f4 ♗d6 28.♕g4 ♗xf4 29.♕xf4 ♖f8 30.♕e5 ♖e8 31.♖c1 ♕e2 32.♖xc8 ♖xc8 33.f6 ♕g4 34.f7+ ♔f8 35.♗c5+ ♖e7 36.♗xe7+ ♔xe7 37.f8=♖ ♖xf8 38.♕c5+ ♔xe6 39.♕xf8 ♔d5 40.♕xb4 a6 41.♕d4+ ♔e6 42.♕b6+ ♔d5 43.♕xa6 ♕e2 44.♕b6 ♔c4 45.♕d4+ 1-0

Finally, I chose one game to show the latest approch and development in the realm of the Pillsbury Attack, from the London System with a new development - the h4 idea instead of f4! I personally suffered a long game in the last US Championship against this early knight jump to e5. It seems it requires a great care in order to neutralise White's Pillsbury Attack in the London System!

D02

Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2623) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2756)
chess.com (Internet-rapid), 2022

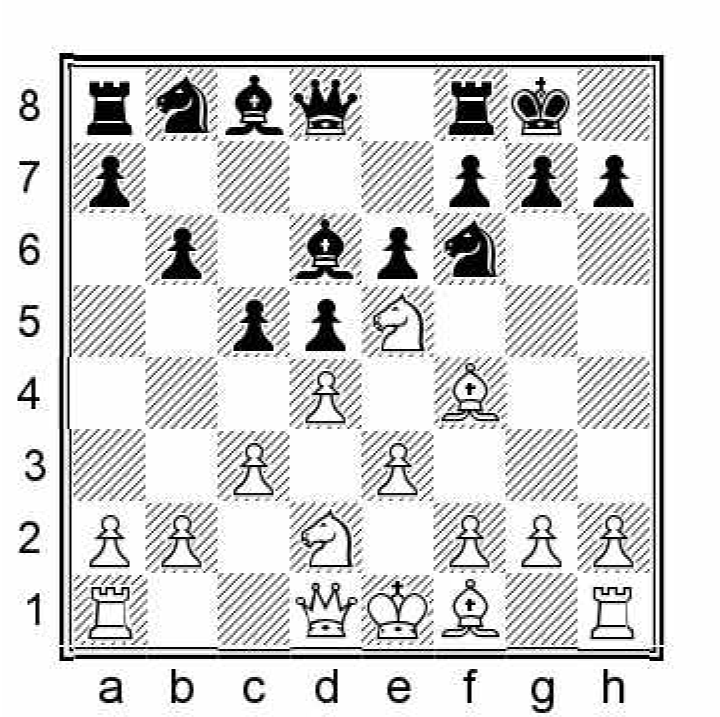
1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗f4 e6 4.e3 ♗d6 5.♘e5!?

5.♗xd6; 5.♗g3 are of course the alternatives.

5...O-O 6.♘d2 c5 7.c3 b6

I think that this is a development of the Pillsburry Attack. When f4 takes too long or isn't an option, this h4 idea becomes the "hot new" line.

7...♘c6 is the alternative idea. 8.♗d3 ♕c7 9.♘df3 cxd4 10.exd4 ♘e4 11.♕e2? (11.♗g3) 11...f6 12.♘xc6 ♗xf4 13.♘b4 ♘xc3 14.♕c2 ♘e4 15.♗xe4 dxe4 16.♕xe4 ♗d6 17.a3 a5 18.♘d3 ♗d7 19.♖c1 ♕b6 20.O-O ♖fe8 21.♖fe1 ♗c6 22.♕e2 ♗d5 23.♘d2 (23.♘c5) 23...♕xd4 24.♘f3 ♕g4-+ Vlasenko,Miroslav 2431 - Le,Tuan Minh 2501, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020



8.h4!? ♕c7

8...♗a6 9.♗xa6 ♘xa6 10.h5±

9.h5 h6N

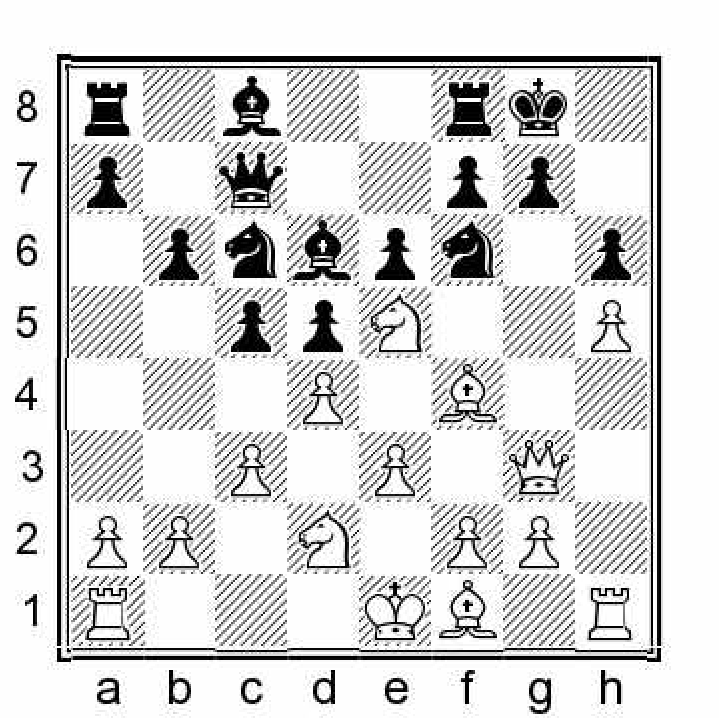
A few other ideas have been tried by Black in this position. 9...♘bd7 10.h6 (10.♘xd7 ♗xd7 11.♗xd6 ♕xd6 12.h6 g6 13.♘f3 ♖fc8 14.♗d3 b5 15.♘e5 b4 16.♕f3 ♕e7 17.O-O ♗e8 18.cxb4 c4 19.♗c2 ♘d7 20.♘xd7 ♗xd7 21.a3 ♕g5 22.e4 ♗c6 23.e5 ♕xh6 24.g3 ♕d2 25.♕c3 ♕g5 26.♔g2 h5 27.♖h1 ♔g7 28.f4 ♕e7 29.♖h4 ♖h8 30.♖ah1 ♖ab8 31.♔g1? (31.g4) 31...a5 32.bxa5 ♕b7 33.f5 (33.♖1h2) 33...exf5-+ Bluebaum,Matthias 2660 - Caruana, Fabiano 2835, chess24.com (Internet-m/8-blitz) 2020; 10.♘df3 ♘e4 11.♗d3 f6 12.♘xd7 ♕xd7 13.♗xd6 ♕xd6 14.♕c2 ♗b7 15.O-O-O ♖ac8 16.dxc5 ♕xc5∞ Mareco,Sandro 2643 - Santos Latasa,Jaime 2640, Mexico City 2022) 10...g6 11.♘df3 ♘e4

12.♗d3±;

9...♗a6 10.♗xa6 ♘xa6 11.h6 (11.♕f3 ♘b8 12.h6 g6 13.e4!± (13.O-O-O± Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin 2629 - Real de Azua,Ernesto 2440, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020))

9...♘c6 with the idea of Nd7 and f6. 10.♘xc6 ♕xc6 11.h6 g6 12.♕f3 ♗xf4 13.♕xf4 ♘d7 14.♘f3 f6 15.♕g3 c4 16.♗e2 ♗b7 17.O-O ♖ac8 18.♖fc1 ♕c7 19.♕h3 ♕d6 20.b3 b5 21.bxc4 dxc4 22.♖ab1 a6 23.♘d2 ♘b6 24.e4 ♖c7 25.♕e3 e5= Naiditsch,Arkadij 2687 - Halkias,Stelios 2585, Doha (rapid) 2016

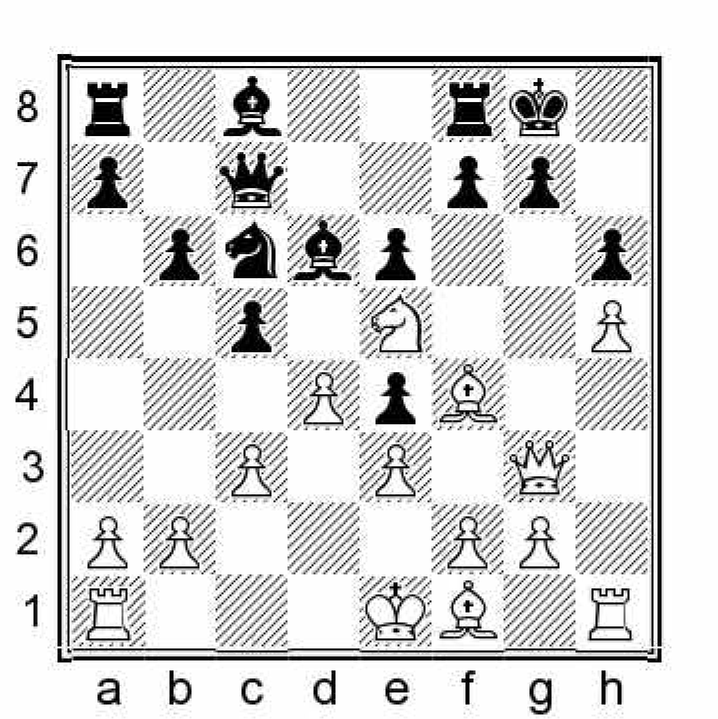
10.♕f3 ♘c6 11.♕g3



11...♘e4?? Although a typical idea, it doesn't seem to work in this position.

11...♘e8 12.♗b5 ♘e7 13.♗d3 f6 14.♘g6 ♘xg6 15.hxg6 a5⇄

12.♘xe4 dxe4

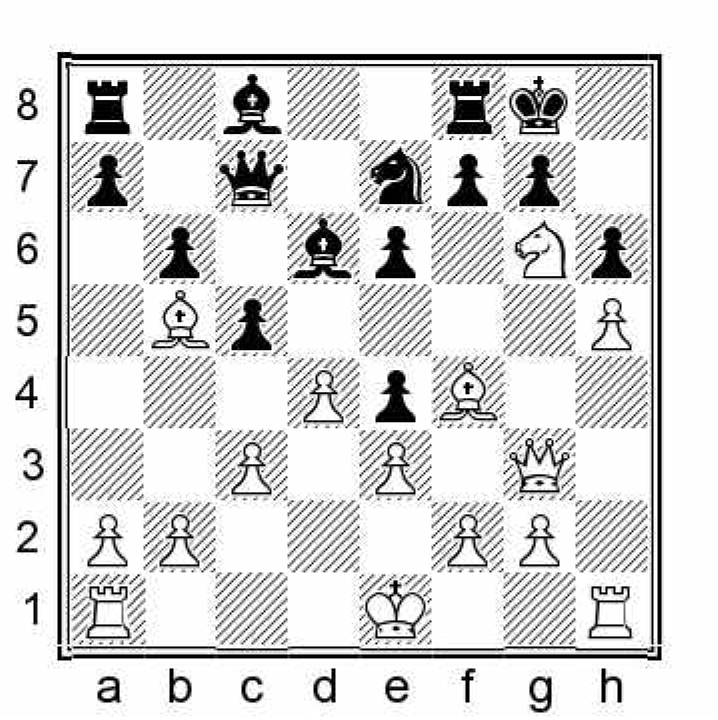


13.♗b5??

13.♗xh6 is a surprising idea missed by the Iranian grandmaster. 13...f6 14.♕xg7+ ♕xg7 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.♘xc6 Maybe he feared that his knight would be trapped here, but after 16...♗b7 17.dxc5 ♗xc5 18.♘d4+- White saves the knight and with two extra pawns he should be able to win this position.

13...♘e7 14.♘g6? A mistake that allowed Black to equalise.

14.O-O-O!?



14...♗xf4?? After missing his chance, Black's position collapsed and White was able to convert his advantage.

14...♘f5! 15.♗xd6 ♘xd6=

15.♕xf4 ♘d5 16.♕xc7 ♘xc7 17.♘e7+ ♔h8 18.♗c6 ♖b8 19.♘xc8 ♖fxc8 20.♗xe4 ♘e8 21.♔e2 ♘d6 22.♗d3 ♔g8 23.g4 ♔f8 24.f4 ♔e7 25.a4 cxd4 26.cxd4 ♖c6 27.♖hc1 ♖bc8 28.♖xc6 ♖xc6 29.♔d2 a5 30.b3 ♖c8 31.e4 ♘e8 32.e5 ♖d8 33.♔e3 ♖c8 34.♗c4 ♘c7 35.f5 ♘d5+ 36.♗xd5 exd5 37.♔d2 ♖c7 38.♖f1 ♖c6 39.♖f3 f6 40.♖e3 ♔f7 41.♖e1 ♔f8 42.♔d3 ♔f7 43.♖b1 b5 44.axb5 ♖b6 45.♖c1 ♖xb5 46.♖c7+ ♔f8 47.♔c3 1-0

NIMZOWITSCH'S LEGACY

By GM Michael Prusikin

THE IMMOBILE DOUBLE PAWNS

Aaron Nimzowitsch was one of the greatest thinkers in the history of chess. His contribution to the development of the game is by no means limited to openings and variations named after him. His contribution to the understanding of many middlegame structures is also enormous, since he was one of the first to recognize and explain in his excellent book "My System" that the disadvantage of doubled pawns in most cases is not that they are directly vulnerable, but rather that they are immobile. This loss of mobility often creates another problem: the light pieces standing behind the immobile pawns, especially the bishops, have great difficulty getting into play efficiently.

Basically, this is the main strategic idea of the Nimzo-Indian defence: to cramp the white pieces behind the fixed pawn formation c3-c4-d5. Let's see how this works in practice.

E41
Johner, Paul - Nimzowitsch, Aron
Dresden, 1926

Michael Prusikin

- **Country:** Germany
- **Born:** 1978
- **Rating:** 2518
- **Peak rating:** 2571
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗xc3 8.bxc3 d6

The Huebner Variation, long before the great German was born! The variation is characterized by the early exchange on c3 and the play against White's doubled pawns.

9.♘d2!?

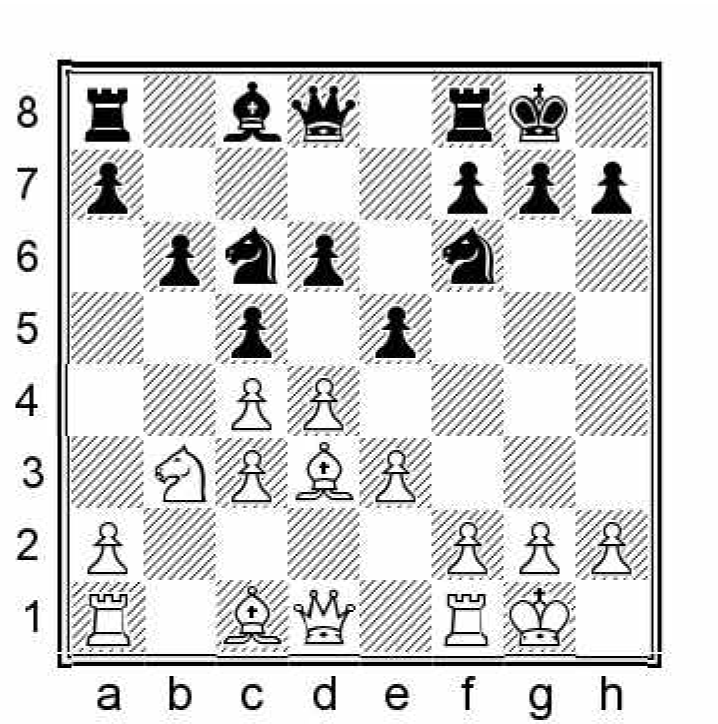
9.e4!? Is the main continuation today, but the game move is also often used to this day. 9...e5 10.d5 ♘e7 11.♘h4 ♘g6 12.♘f5 ♘f4 13.♗c2∞ L'Ami,Erwin 2627 - Antipov,Mikhail Al 2567, Wijk aan Zee II 2016 - 127/187

9...b6 10.♘b3?! With the idea of preparing e4, but the knight is out of place on b3.

Better suited to initiate the occupation of the centre was 10.♗b2!? ♗a6 11.e4 e5 12.d5 ♘e7 (12...♘a5?! 13.♕e2 ♕d7 14.♖ae1 ♕a4 15.f4 ♕xa2 16.♗c1 ♘d7 17.♕g4 ♕a4 18.♕h3 ♖ae8 19.f5→) 13.♖e1∞ A complicated position with mutual chances has emerged, as in Pauwels,Christophe - Siigur,Juri, corr 2010/11

10...e5 We have now reached the critical position of the opening phase.

10...♗a6!?

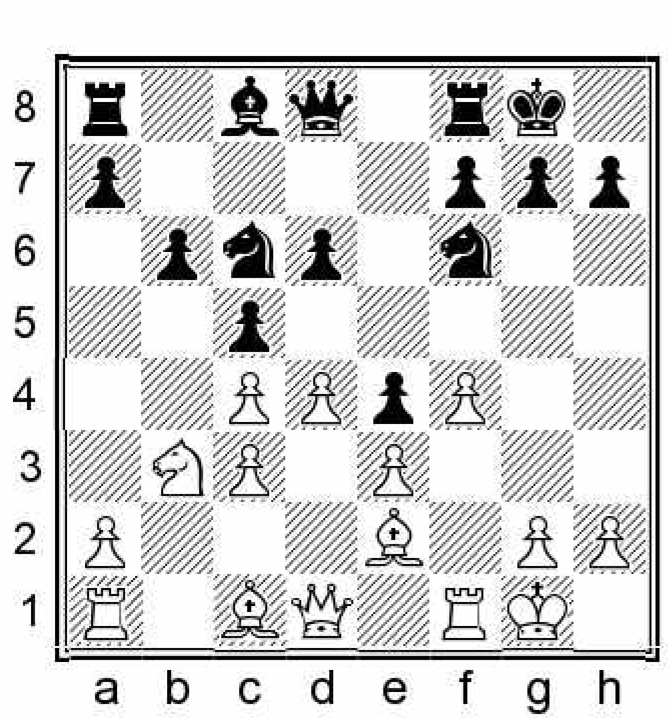


11.f4? A serious strategic mistake.

11.e4! Was also appropriate here. 11...h6 12.♖e1!? A new move. (12.f4 exd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.♗b2 ♖e8 15.♕f3 1/2 : 1/2 Pavlovic,Goran 2355 - Mijailovic,Zoran 2392, Srbija 2019) 12...♖e8 13.f3 ♘h5∞

11...e4∓ With this move, which Johner practically "forced" his opponent to play, Black not only gains space, but also makes it difficult, if not impossible, for the opponent to bring the c1-bishop into play.

12.♗e2



12...♕d7!? Nimzowitsch himself praised this move very much. His idea was to fix the white kingside pawns.

However, this plan doesn't quite seem to work against White's optimal response. So the more natural move was 12...♗a6! A preferable move with the idea of possibly even exchanging the weak c4-pawn in order to achieve a light-square blockade in return. 13.g4!? (13.♗d2 ♘e7 14.♗e1 d5! 15.dxc5 (15.cxd5 c4! 16.♘c1 ♘fxd5-+) 15...♗xc4 16.cxb6 ♘f5! 17.♗f2 ♕xb6∓; 13.d5 ♘a5! 14.♘d2 1/2 : 1/2 Farago, Ivan 2440 - Cobo Arteaga,Eldis 2395, Cienfuegos 1973. Instead of agreeing to a draw here, Eldis could have with the "Nimzowitsch plan" achieve a great advantage: (14.♘xa5 bxa5 15.♗d2 ♖b8 16.♖b1 ♘d7∓) 14...h5! 15.h3 g6 16.♖f2 ♕e7 17.♕f1 h4 18.♘b3 ♘d7∓ The c4-weakness practically immobilizes White.) 13...h6 14.♗d2 cxd4 15.cxd4 d5 16.c5 ♗xe2 17.♕xe2 ♕d7∓

13.h3?

With the immediate 13.♗d2 ♕f5 14.♗e1= was the move 12.. .Qd7 to question.

13...♘e7! 14.♕e1?! Inconsistent.

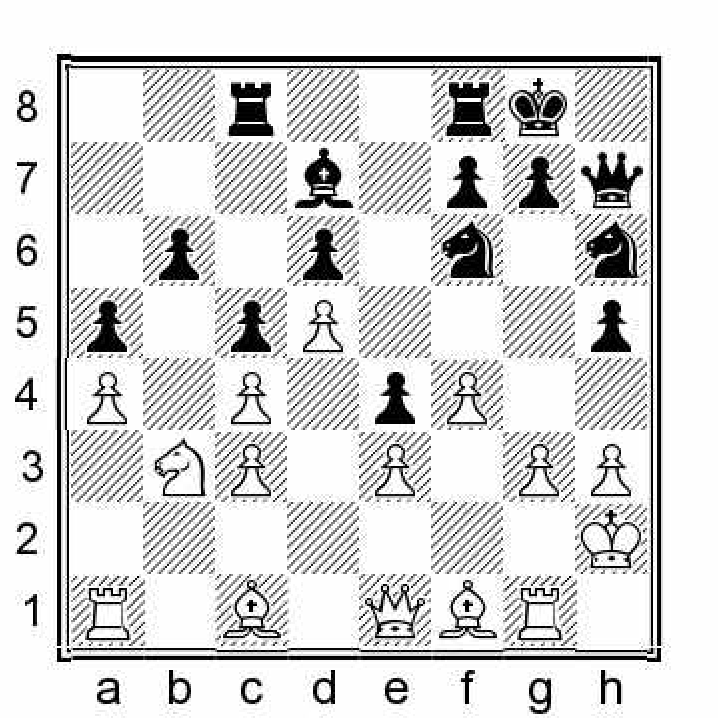
After 13.h3, 14.g4 was called for. 14...h5! 15.♘d2 (15.g5? ♕xh3 16.gxf6 ♕g3+ 17.♔h1 ♘f5 18.♕e1 ♕h3+ 19.♔g1 ♘g3-+) 15...♖e8! 16.f5 ♕d8 17.♖f2 hxg4 18.hxg4 g5 19.♘f1 ♘c6∓ with a worse but defendable position.

14...h5!∓ From now on White has no counterplay at all.

15.♗d2 ♕f5 16.♔h2 ♕h7 17.a4 ♘f5 18.g3

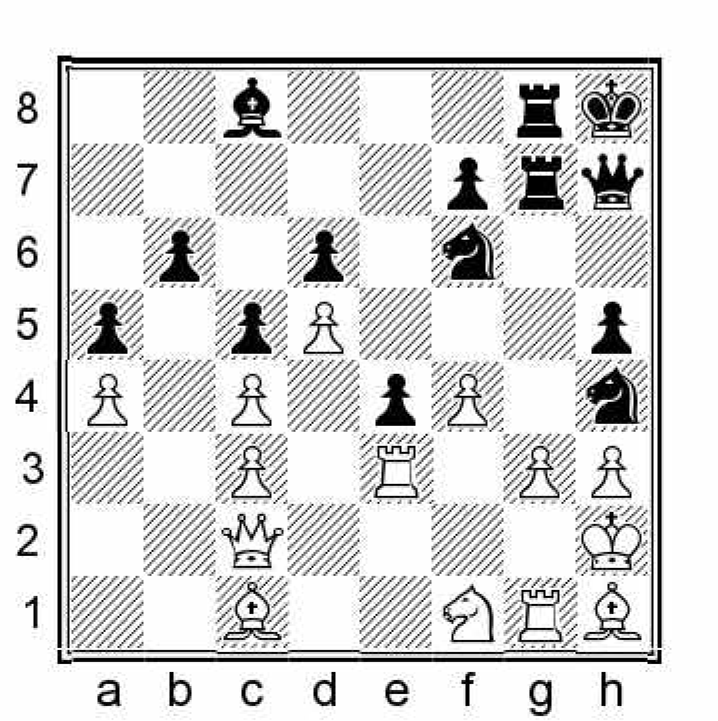
18.a5 ♗e6 - wouldn't have changed anything.

18...a5! 19.♖g1 ♘h6 20.♗f1 ♗d7 21.♗c1 ♖ac8 22.d5



22...♔h8! The final subtlety. Black gains access to the opponent's king by opening the g-file as planned.

23.♘d2 ♖g8 24.♗g2 g5 25.♘f1 ♖g7 26.♖a2 ♘f5 27.♗h1 ♖cg8 28.♕d1 gxf4 29.exf4 ♗c8 30.♕b3 ♗a6 31.♖e2 ♘h4 32.♖e3 ♗c8 33.♕c2



33...♗xh3! 34.♗xe4

34.♔xh3 ♕f5+ 35.♔h2 ♘g4+-+

34...♗f5 35.♗xf5 ♘xf5 36.♖e2 h4 37.♖gg2 hxg3+ 38.♔g1 ♕h3 39.♘e3 ♘h4 40.♔f1 ♖e8 0-1

E21

Bogoljubow, Efim - Nimzowitsch, Aron
Karlovy Vary, 1929

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 ♗xc3+!? 5.bxc3 b6 6.g3?! The worst of all possible reactions. White's plan should once again be to get the e-pawn to e4 in order to occupy the centre and set up a long-term attack on the opponent's king. The fianchetto is entirely unsuitable for the implementation of this plan.

6.♗g5!?; 6.e3!?; 6.♘d2!?

6...♗b7 7.♗g2 O-O Basically, Black should prevent the opponent from exchanging his dark-squared bishop, which threatens to become a bad piece.

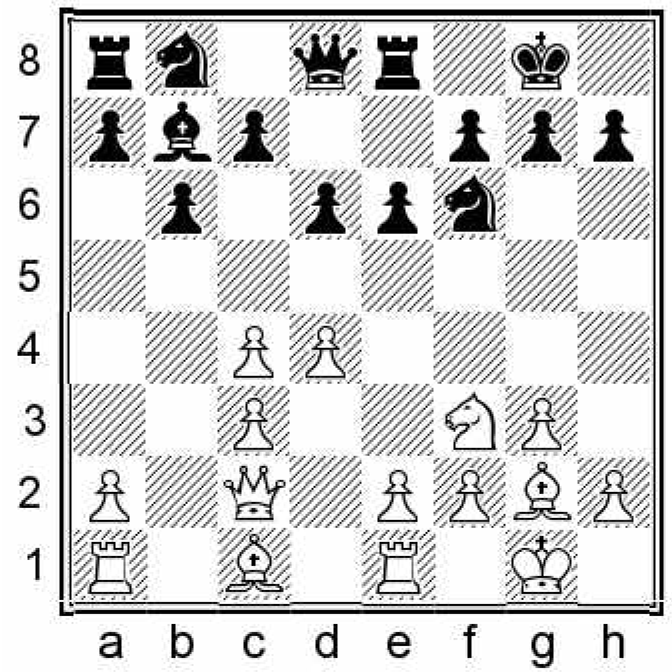
Therefore, here and also in the next couple of moves 7...h6!? was called for.

8.O-O

8.♗g5!?

8...♖e8 9.♖e1 d6 10.♕c2?! Missing the last chance for playing.

10.♗g5!



10...♗e4! It is very important not to allow White to play e4.

At the same time 10...♘e4? 11.♘g5+- can't be the solution from Black's point of view.

11.♕b3 ♘c6 12.♗f1 e5 Good enough.

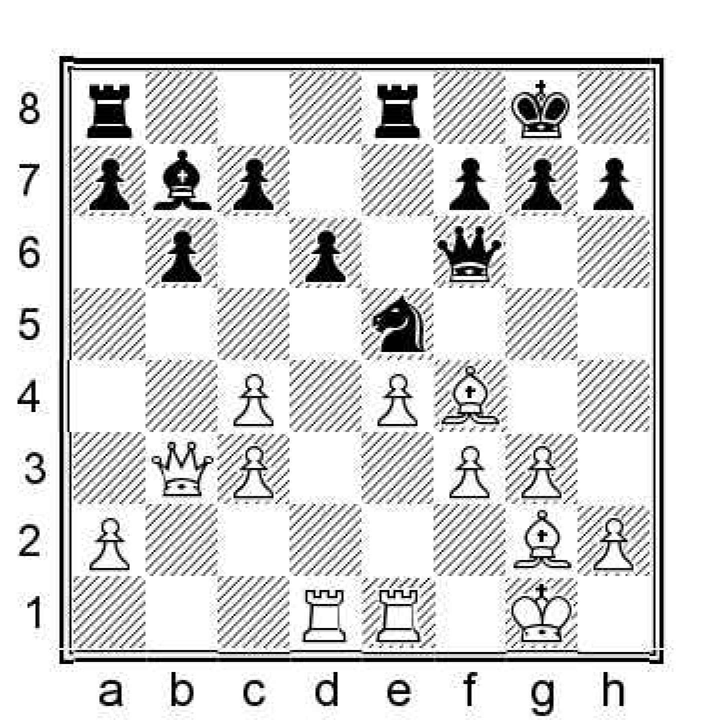
But it would have made a lot of sense to play 12...♘a5! in-between move, because there is no good square for the white queen. 13.♕a4 e5∓

13.dxe5? Smashing one's own pawn structure represents the decisive strategic mistake. The isolated double pawns on the c-file are not "viable" in the long run.

With 13.♘d2 was it still possible to put some resistance.

13...♘xe5 14.♘xe5 ♖xe5-+ 15.♗f4 ♖e8 16.f3 ♗b7 17.♖ad1 ♘d7 18.e4 ♕f6 19.♗g2 ♘e5? To my knowledge, it was Nimzowitsch who introduced the term prophylaxis in relation to chess, but here his prophylactic thinking fails him.

19...♗c6-+



20.♖d2? Misses his chance (spoiler alert: several times!).

20.c5! Would have brought Bogoljubow back into the game: 20...g5! (20...dxc5? 21.♗xe5 ♕xe5 (21...♖xe5? 22.f4 ♖e7 23.e5+-) 22.♖d7⇄) 21.♗xe5 dxe5 22.♖d7 ♖e7 23.♖ed1∓

20...♖e7?!

20...♗c6!-+

21.♖ed1?!

21.c5! dxc5 22.♗xe5 ♕xe5 23.f4 ♕h5 24.e5 ♗xg2 25.♔xg2⇄

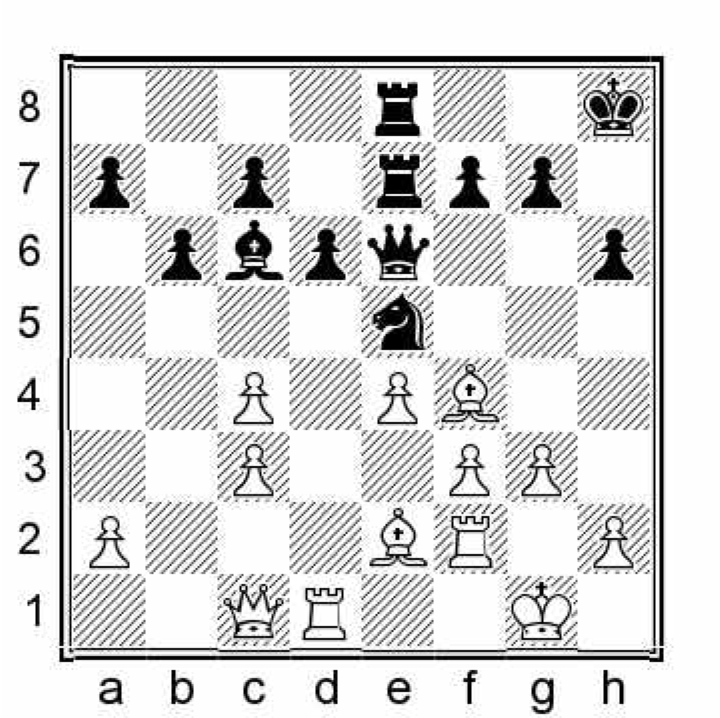
21...♗c6!∓ Now Nimzowitsch has everything under his control again.

22.♖f2 ♖ae8 23.♗f1 h6 Good enough.

Move 23...♘xf3+! 24.♖xf3 g5-+ wins on the spot.

24.♗e2 ♔h8 25.♕a3 ♕e6 26.♕c1

26.♕xa7? ♖a8-+



26...f5-+ By opening the e-file, which Nimzowitsch has been working towards for a long time, the black rooks also come into play with a decisive effect.

27.exf5 ♕xf5 28.♕d2

28.♗xe5 ♖xe5-+

28...♕f7 29.♕d4 ♘g6

29...♘g4-+

30.♗d3 ♘xf4 31.♕xf4 ♕xf4 32.gxf4-+ "Show me with one picture how a bad pawn structure looks like!"

32...♖f8 33.f5 ♗d7 34.♖dd2 ♗xf5 35.♖fe2 ♖xe2 36.♗xe2 ♖e8 37.♔f2 ♖e5 38.♖d5 g5 39.♖xe5 dxe5 40.c5 bxc5 41.♗a6 e4 42.a4 ♔g7 43.a5 exf3 44.♔xf3 ♔f6 45.♔e3 ♔e5 46.♗c4 ♗g4 47.♗a6 h5 48.♗c4 h4 49.♗a6 ♗d1 50.♗b7 g4 0-1

E41
Spassky, Boris (2660) - Fischer, Robert James (2785)
Reykjavik (m/5) 14/572, 1972

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 c5 5.e3 ♘c6! The exact move order. If Black is aiming for the so-called Huebner Variation I think it is advisable for him to postpone castling.

6.♗d3 ♗xc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.e4 e5 9.d5 ♘e7 10.♘h4!? The main line.

10.O-O The most natural move, but on the other hand it is imprecise: 10...h6! 11.♘e1!? (11.♘h4?! g5 12.♘f5 ♘xf5 13.exf5 e4! 14.♖e1 ♗xf5 15.f3 O-O 16.fxe4 ♗g4 17.♕c2 ♘d7∓ L'Ami,Alina 2359 - Benderac,Ana 2299, Calvia (ol) 2004) 11...g5 12.g3 ♗h3 13.♘g2 ♕d7 14.f3 O-O-O∓ Kozma,Julius - Huebner,Robert, CSSR - BR Deutschland (m) 1969

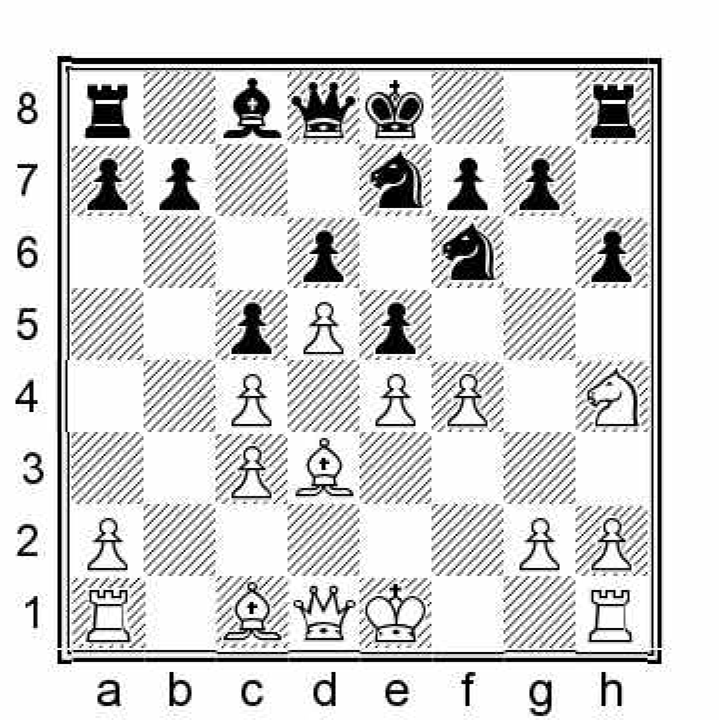
10.♘d2!? is an interesting alternative: 10...♘g6 11.h4!? (11.g3 ♗h3; 11.h3!? A new move.) 11...♗d7 (11...♘f4 12.♗f1) 12.g3± Li, Chao B 2744 - Rapport,Richard 2675, Tbilisi (m/1) 2017

10...h6

10...♘g6 11.♘f5 might be a little bit better for White.

11.f4!?N Spassky comes up with a novelty, but...

11.f3 g5 12.♘f5 ♘xf5 13.exf5 ♕e7∓ Piorun,Kacper 2580 - Laznicka,Viktor 2673, Deizisau 2014

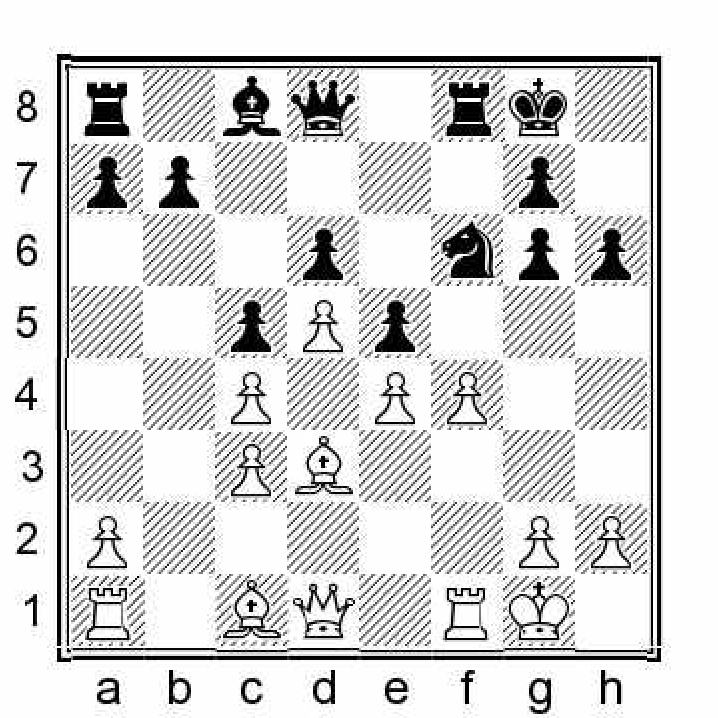


Fischer is even here well prepared and uncorks an amazing move: **11...♘g6!!** A surprising, but incredibly powerful move. Due to the forced exchange of knights, White's initiative on the kingside is contained, the position remains closed, which reduces the value of White's pair of bishops. The resulting defects in Black's pawn structure, on the other hand, are irrelevant because White has no way to exploit them.

The variation 11...exf4? 12.♗xf4 g5 13.e5!+- shows how quickly Black can lose control when the position opens up and White's bishops unleash their full power.

12.♘xg6 fxg6 13.fxe5?! A small inaccuracy. White should strive to keep the pawn structure flexible.

After 13.O-O O-O



14.a4! (14.f5? b5! 15.cxb5 c4 16.♗c2 gxf5 17.exf5 ♕b6+ 18.♔h1 ♕xb5∓ Unzicker,Wolfgang 2515 - Timman,Jan 2620, Wijk aan Zee 1981 - 31/641) 14...a5 15.♖a2 ♗d7 16.♖af2 b6 17.f5∞ A complex position emerged with chances for both sides, Swiercz,Dariusz 2540 - Macieja, Bartolomiej 2636, Polska (ch) 2011

13...dxe5 14.♗e3 b6 15.O-O O-O

Objectively, I think that White should still be able to keep the balance, but his position is awkward to play.

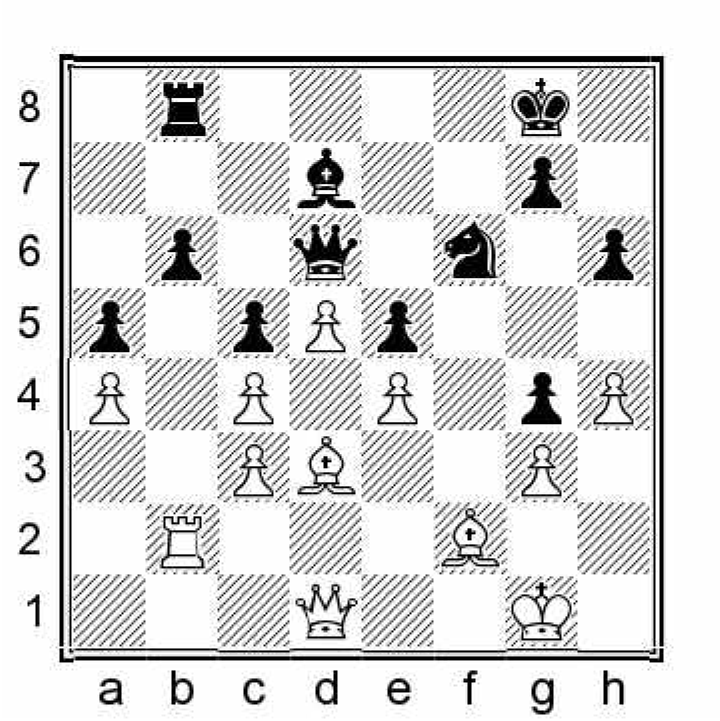
16.a4 a5! It is important not to let White's isolated a-pawn advance.

17.♖b1 ♗d7 18.♖b2 Transferring the rook to f2 looks logical, but maybe it's not the right plan. White takes the pressure off the b6-pawn, and the rook on f2 is vulnerable, Ng4 will always be up in the air.

18.♗e2!? could have been stronger.

18...♖b8

Black ("armed" with an engine) played perhaps even stronger in a later correspondence game: 18...♘g4!? 19.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 20.♗c1 ♖b8 21.h3 ♘f6 22.♗e3 g5 23.♗f2 g4 24.h4 ♕d6 25.g3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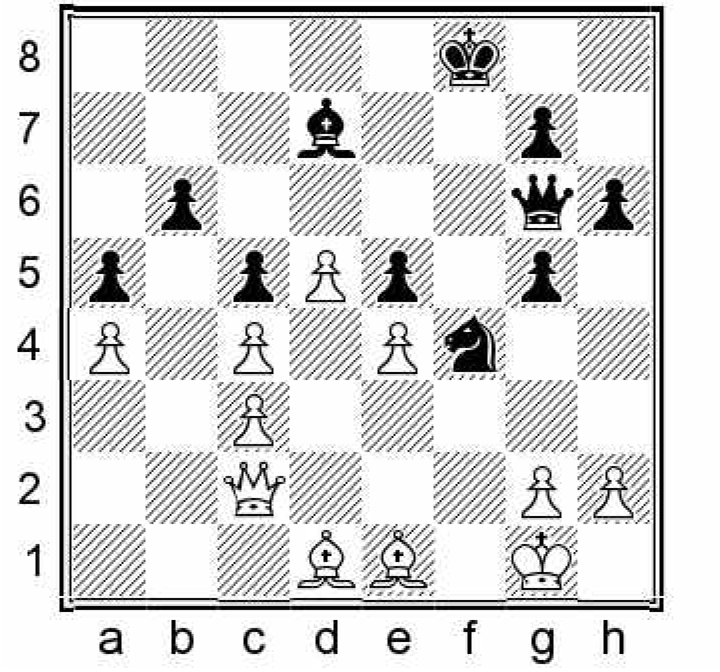
25...♔f7!∓ Boychuk,Taras - Poleshchuk,Nikolai, corr 2014

19.♖bf2 ♕e7∓ 20.♗c2 g5

20...♘g4!? 21.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 22.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 23.♕e2 g5 24.♗c1 ♕e8 25.♕d1 ♕h5 26.h3 ♘f6 27.♕xh5 ♘xh5 28.♔f2 ♔h7∓

21.♗d2 ♕e8 22.♗e1 ♕g6 23.♕d3 ♘h5 24.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 25.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 26.♗d1 ♘f4 27.♕c2 The last mistake in a difficult but still defendable position.

27.♕e3 ♕e8 28.♕f2 ♔g8 29.♕c2 g4∓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27...♗xa4! A nice tactical blow at the end.

27...♗xa4 28.♕xa4 ♕xe4-+

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E41
Mesaros, Florian (2449) - Prusikin, Michael (2517)
Lienz 140/186, 2019

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 c5 5.♘f3

5.♘e2! is the best reaction to the move order chosen by Black.

5...♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 d6 7.♗d3 ♘c6 8.O-O e5! 9.d5

Once again, I think White should keep his pawn structure flexible as possible, e.g.: 9.♘d2 O-O 10.♖e1 h6 11.a4!? (11.d5 ♘e7 12.e4 g5!? A new move. 13.♘f1 ♘g6∞) 11...exd4?! It would have been better for Black not to accept the pawn sacrifice. (11...♘a5) 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.exd4 ♘xd4 14.♗b2 ♗g4 15.♕c1 ♘e6 16.♖a3 ♘c5 17.♗b1⩱ with excellent compensation for the sacrificed pawn, Bru Rullo,Llatzer 2273 - Molina Carretero,Daniel 2157, Espana 2020

9...♘e7 10.♘d2

10.e4 h6 11.♘e1 g5 12.♘c2 ♘g6∞ Florea,Dan 2235 - Vonthron,Horst 2355, Deutschland 1997

10...O-O 11.♕c2 g6 This is the main line.

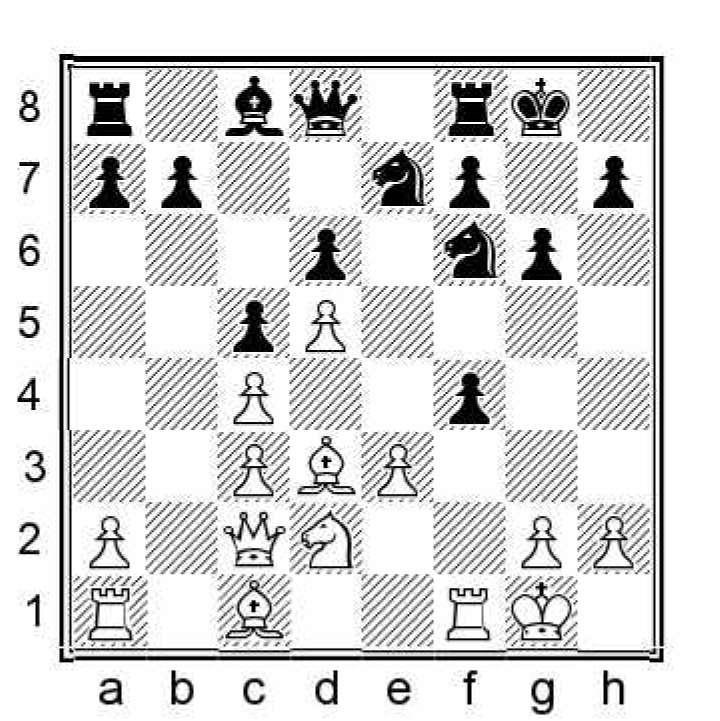
But maybe the alternative 11...♘g6!? is even better: 12.f4 (12.f3 ♘e8 13.♖f2 f5∓ Marinelli,Tullio 2425 - Vallifuoco,Giacomo 2395, Italia 1995) 12...♘g4! 13.♘f3 f5∓ Johansson,Viktoria 2155 - Uskova,Fliura 2260, Jakarta (izt) 1993

12.f4?! This is also the most played move, but it is probably where White's troubles begin.

12.e4?! ♘h5∓ Gligoric,Svetozar 2565 - Seirawan,Yasser 2510, Baden 1980 - 30/653

12.h3!?

12...exf4



13.♖xf4

13.exf4? ♗f5! This is the main idea of 11...g6. 14.♖b1 ♕d7 15.♘f3 ♗xd3 16.♕xd3 ♘f5 17.h3 h5 18.♗d2 ♖fe8-+ Misanovic,Vesna 2347 - Jaracz,Pawel 2506, Lido degli Estensi 2002

The move never played before: 13.♘e4!? might limit the damage. Here White still has the hope of being able to activate the dark-squared bishop in the long term. 13...♘xe4 14.♗xe4 ♗f5 (14...fxe3 15.♗xe3⯹) 15.♗xf5 ♘xf5 16.♖xf4 ♕e7 17.e4 ♘h6 18.♗d2 f6 19.♖af1=

13...♘g4∓ 14.♘f3

14.h3 ♘e5 (14...♘xe3? 15.♕b1±) 15.e4 g5 16.♖f2 ♘7g6 17.♘f1 ♔h8∓;

14.♘e4 ♔h8 15.♘g3 f6∓

14...f6!

14...h6!? 15.h3 ♘e5 16.♘xe5 dxe5 17.♖f3 f5∓ Massimini Gerbino,Massimiliano - Pappier,Carlos Guillermo, corr 2003

15.h3 ♘e5 16.♘xe5 dxe5 17.♖f1 f5!∓ 18.a4N

The previously played correspondence game was very similar - the mobile black pawn majority on the kingside decided the game: 18.♗d2 e4 19.♗e2 ♕d6 20.♗e1 g5 21.h4 h6 22.a4 ♗d7 23.a5 ♖ab8 24.♗f2 ♖f6 25.♔h1 ♕e5 26.♗g1 g4 27.♕d2 (27.♖f4) 27...g3 28.♕e1 ♖a6 29.♖f4 ♕g7 30.♖f1 (30.♗h5) 30...b6 31.axb6 ♖bxb6 32.♖xa6 ♖xa6 1/2 : 1/2 Le Duigou,Jean Guy - Schulz,Hans Juergen, corr 2014/15

18.e4!? f4 19.♕f2 ♕c7 20.♕h4 ♖f7! 21.g3 g5 22.♕h5 ♗d7∓

18...a5 Analogous to the Fischer - Spassky game, the white a-pawn should be fixed.

19.♗d2 ♕d6 20.♖f2

20.♖ab1 b6 21.♗e1 g5 22.♗g3 ♗d7∓

20...♗d7 21.♖b1 b6 22.♗e2 ♖f6 23.♗e1 ♖af8 Now all the black pieces stand perfectly. Incidentally, the major pieces cover the backward b6-pawn. Everything is ready for the pawn storm.

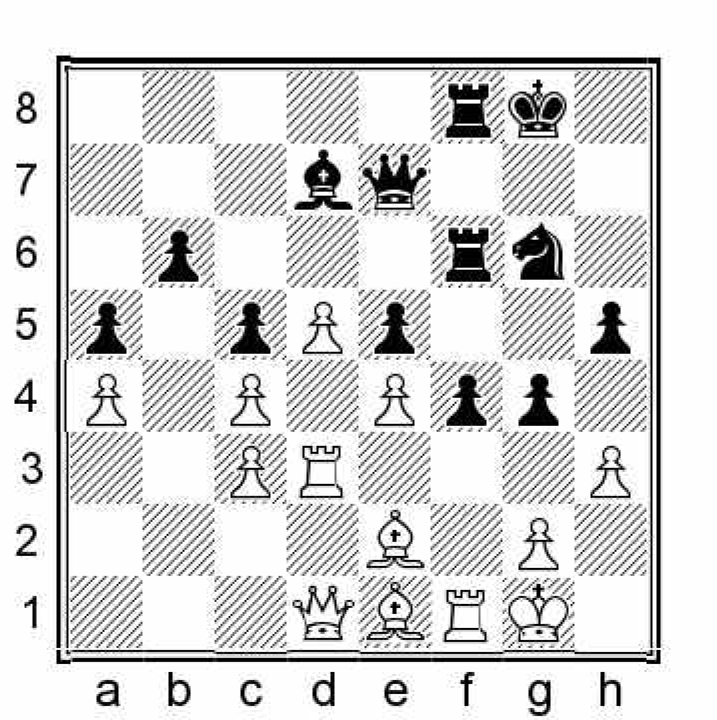
24.♖f3

24.e4 f4∓

24...g5 25.♗g3 ♘g6 26.♖bf1 ♕e7

26...f4!? 27.♗e1 e4! 28.♕xe4 ♗f5-+

27.e4 f4 28.♗e1 h5 29.♖d3 g4 30.♕d1



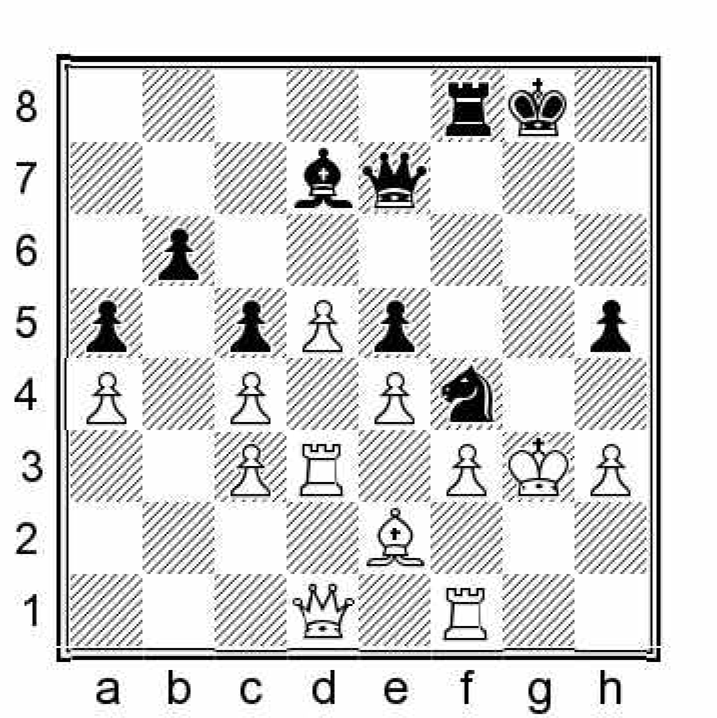
30...f3!-+ The decisive breakthrough!

31.gxf3 ♘f4! 32.♗h4 g3! The cleanest solution. **33.♗xg3**

33.♗xf6 ♕xf6-+

33...♖g6 34.♔h2 ♕g5 Quite sufficient, but unfortunately with this move I missed ending the game with exactly the same trick as in the Spassky - Fischer game above!

34...♖xg3! 35.♔xg3

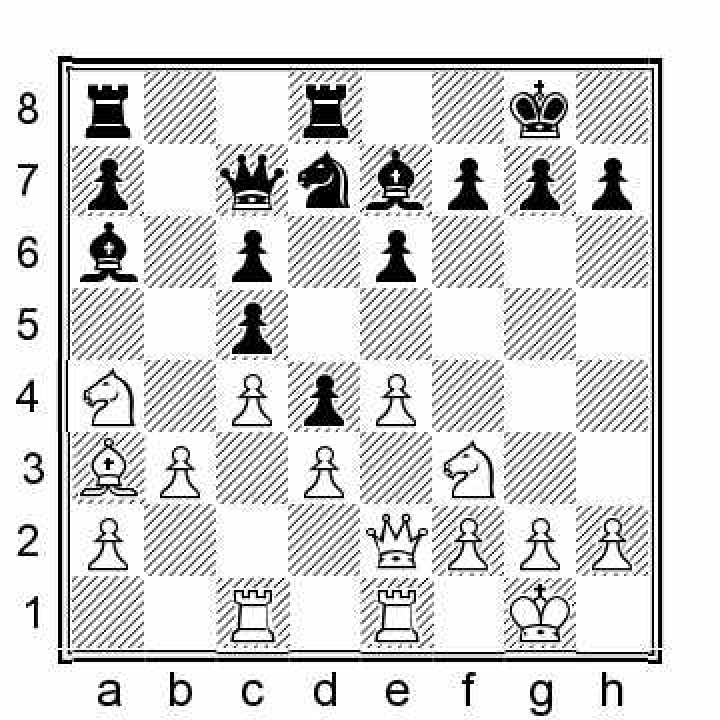


35...♗xa4!! 36.♕xa4 (36.♕d2 ♕g5+ 37.♔f2 ♘xh3+ 38.♔e1 ♕g3+ 39.♖f2 ♕xf2#; 36.♕e1 ♕g5+ 37.♔f2 ♘xh3#) 36...♕g5+ 37.♔f2 ♕g2+-+

35.♖g1 ♘xh3 36.f4 exf4 37.♗f2 ♘xg1 38.♕xg1 ♕f6 39.♕e1 ♕e5 40.♗f3 ♗g4 41.♗h1 f3+ 42.♗g3 f2! 43.♕f1 ♕g5 44.♗g2 h4 45.♗xf2 ♗e2! 0-1

We will conclude the article with some exercises. The two training positions do not come from the Nimzo Indian, but from the Rossolimo Variation of the Sicilian Defence, where, with reversed colors, amazingly similar positions arise.

Runting, Timothy - Moyano Garcia, Ricardo
corr, 1997



What is the best way for White to secure his advantage?

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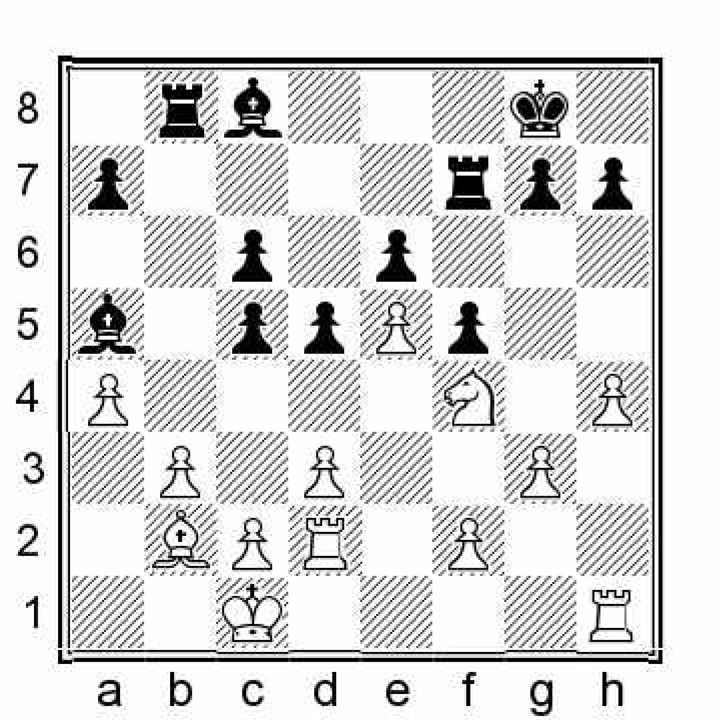
15.e5! After this move the a6-bishop remains "dead" for the rest of the game. **15...♖e8 16.♕e4± ♖ab8 17.♖cd1 ♖b7 18.♗c1 h6 19.♕g4 ♔h8 20.♕h5 ♔g8 21.♖e4 ♘f8 22.♖g4 ♘g6 23.♖xg6 fxg6 24.♕xg6 ♖f8 25.♗xh6 ♖f7 26.♖e1 ♕c8 27.♘g5 ♗xg5 28.♗xg5 ♕f8 29.♕xe6 ♖b8 30.♕d6 ♖e8 31.♕xf8+ ♖fxf8 32.♘xc5 ♗c8 33.f4 ♗f5 34.e6 1-0**

Eger, Axel - Kopelevich, Aleksandr
corr, 2018



How should White react to Black`s last move ♗a5?

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23.♗a3!! A great positional exchange sacrifice for a total domination over the dark-squares.

23.♖dd1? c4=

23...c4

23...♗xd2+ 24.♔xd2 c4 25.♗d6 ♖bb7 26.dxc4 dxc4 27.bxc4 ♖fd7 28.♘d3 ♖d8 29.♘c5+-

24.dxc4 dxc4 25.♖d6

25.♗d6! seems to be more precise. 25...cxb3 26.♖d3 b2+ 27.♔b1 ♖a8 28.♗a3±

25...cxb3 26.♖hd1 ♖f8 27.♗c5 a6 28.♘d3 bxc2 29.♔xc2 ♖e8 30.♖d4 ♖b7 31.♘b2 ♗c7 32.♘c4 a5 33.f4 ♖b8 34.♗d6 ♗xd6 35.exd6 ♗d7 36.♘e5 c5 37.♖c4 ♖ed8 38.♔c3 ♔f8 39.♖d2 ♖b6 40.♘xd7+ ♖xd7 41.♖xc5 ♖d8 42.♖d4 ♖db8 43.♖xa5 ♖c6+ 44.♔d2 ♖b2+ 45.♔e3 ♖g2 46.♖d2 ♖xd2 47.♔xd2 ♖xd6+ 48.♔c3 ♔e7 49.♔c4 ♖d1 50.♖e5 ♔d6 51.a5 ♖g1 52.a6 ♔c7 53.♖e3 ♖c1+ 54.♖c3 1-0

ROGERS' REMINISCENCES
The Past is a Foreign Country

By GM Ian Rogers

FEAR IS NOT AN OPTION

Balatonberény 1983

The word on the grapevine, from young English Internationals Masters such as Glenn Flear, was that the big open tournament in Balatonbereny, a tourist resort on Central Europe's biggest lake, was the place to be in late September 1983. The Balatonbereny International was sponsored by the Budapest chess club ARTEX, was to feature a dozen Grandmasters, and offered transport from Budapest as well as the possibility of title norms. What could possibly go wrong?

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Back in 1983, an open tournament with 12(!) Grandmasters was something special indeed and for Cathy and I this was to be our first time "Behind the Iron Curtain". Admittedly any prizemoney won was not allowed to be taken outside Hungary - the Hungarian forint was a non-convertible currency - though everyone knew that if you hid your forints in your socks you could exchange them for Western currency at Wien railway station (at 60% of their nominal value).

A large contingent of young Western International Masters headed to Hungary from multiple directions: many came by train from the Zug Young Masters tournament or other late summer events around Europe, while Australia's Darryl Johansen, still in London following the Lloyds Bank Open, hitch-hiked to Hungary.

Cathy and I, also in London, decided to buy a cheap car and drive to Balatonbereny. (Compared to a train trip, you can pack a lot more luggage in a car, we unwisely surmised.) 260 British pounds secured an old Austin Maxi, while a further 140 pounds ensured that it was roadworthy.

Best of British - the Austin Maxi

So our Austin left London, took a ferry to Belgique and then approaching the tiny town of Saint-Ghislain, the engine blew up. The car needed a new engine (which we couldn't afford), but, no need for panic, we swapped our "new" car for the towing fee - it had four good tyres observed the tow truck driver.

Unfortunately Belgium was in the middle of a general strike - no trains, buses, anything. Stranded with lots of luggage we booked a night at the Escargot d'Or Hotel, Hungary seemed a long, long way away.

Can I Touch You?

We used the foyer telephone to call friends in London, asking them to contact the Balatonbereny organisers to tell them we would be, at best, very late for the tournament.

However after the phone call a young man approached us.

"I couldn't help hearing from your phone call that you are on the way to a chess tournament."

"Yes, in Hungary."

"What is your rating?"

"2450."

"2450!! Can I touch you?"

Touching completed, the man, in his early 20s at most, said: "If you are really 2450, I will drive you to France myself!"

We sat down to play some friendly games. The first I struggled to draw, with every move both Cathy and I realising that our chances of escaping Belgium were disappearing fast. However the next two games were massacres, and our new friend, Philippe, was convinced that I might be who I said I was.

The next morning Philippe turned up at the hotel in a two door BMW being driven by a friend and we headed towards France. After about half an hour, Philippe opened his friend's glove box and pulled out an enormous knife.

No need for panic. Philippe turned to look at us in the back, while we giggled nervously. "You laugh?" said Philippe in a new and sinister voice. Panic. We were trapped and terrified, but Philippe then proceeded to return the knife to the glove box, apparently as surprised as us that his friend would keep such a deadly weapon on hand.

We arrived in Lille without further incident, many hours too early for our train to Budapest. Our friends suggested that we all visit a famous bookshop, leaving our bags in the car - and of course when we returned there was no car and all our bags were gone.

"What tricky guys!" we thought, before noticing that Philippe's friend was just as distressed as us! Sure enough, the car had been parked in a tow-away zone, and the police returned the car after a long wait and payment of a large fee. We were dropped off at Gare de Lille, bid our friends goodbye, and, finally jumped on a night train to Budapest.

Upon arrival we travelled from our arrival station Budapest-Keleti pu to Budapest-Deli pu where we met Johansen along with a group of English players and bought express train tickets to Balatonbereny. ("What happened to you?," said Johansen. "While I was hitching I was looking out for your car the whole way!")

Buddy, can you spare a pound?

Balatonberény Railway Station; Photo by Hanneke van Parreren

The train trip to Balatonbereny in a slow, dilapidated, but comfortable train was uneventful - until a man carrying a machine gun entered our carriage.

No need for panic. The man, claiming to be a train guard, explained, in a combination of Hungarian and sign language, that we all had the wrong tickets for that train and would have to pay him an express supplement. This was clearly untrue - we had already paid an express supplement - but arguing seemed unwise, particularly as the guard was only asking for one English pound each.

Tony Kosten, who slept through this encounter, awoke angry that we had paid a pound for him as well. Kosten insisted that he had the right ticket and would have challenged the guard, but once given a graphic description of the machine gun, paid up his pound to the person who had covered him.

The express train took only 4 hours for the 166km journey; the clever players who took the organisers' Chess Bus from Budapest did the trip in just 3 hours!

Resort Living

We arrived at Balatonbereny which looked like little more than a train stop in the middle of nowhere. By the end of September the tourist season was over and the centre of the town was deserted, with the town's one restaurant closed. The chessplayers soon realised that they were almost the only people in town, apart from the hotel staff and a few local residents.

Balatonberény's Okisz Üdülő Holiday Centre; Photo by Hanneke van Parreren

Our luxury resort in Balatonbereny was the drab Okisz Udulo Holiday Centre, reopened specially for the chessplayers. Cathy and I were directed to our very basic room - two single beds, end-to-end, and a table - which turned out to be already occupied, by spiders.

No need for panic. Arachnophobe Cathy, despite knowing that European spiders were just a weak imitation of their poisonous Australian cousins, ran out out of the room - and ran into Johansen! Our compatriot said that his room was covered in dead mosquitos but had no spiders, so Cathy grabbed his key, gave him ours, and slept soundly.

Fortunately, our apartment-complex had a canteen. Unfortunately, the shortages in Hungary meant

that chefs lacked the ingredients (and perhaps the skill) to create healthy or tasty dishes.

On arriving at dinner, Cathy and I learned that meal tables were allocated strictly according to tournament registration and could not be changed. We found ourselves sitting at table 45 with a serious-looking Dutch couple, Paul van der Sterren and Hanneke van Parreren. 5 years later we were again eating together, Cathy and I having bought a flat in the same apartment block in Amsterdam as our Hungarian meal companions.

The person we had planned to spend meal times with, our compatriot Johansen, found himself eating with Englishmen, while the late-arriving Australian teenager Mark Chapman was forced to eat by himself every day.

Van Parreren: "The food was miserable and the "coffee" is horrible. There was only one small shop in the hotel, where you could buy milk [plus icecreams and alcohol - IR]. It was not possible to get a newspaper, not even a Hungarian one."

Kosten: "They didn't have a vegetarian option so Johansen and I used to say "Nem hus" (no meat) but nobody seemed to understand. I was pretty hungry the whole time but it didn't seem to hinder my play at all!"

B08
Kosten, Anthony C (2395) - Van der Sterren, Paul (2445)
Balatonbereny, 1983

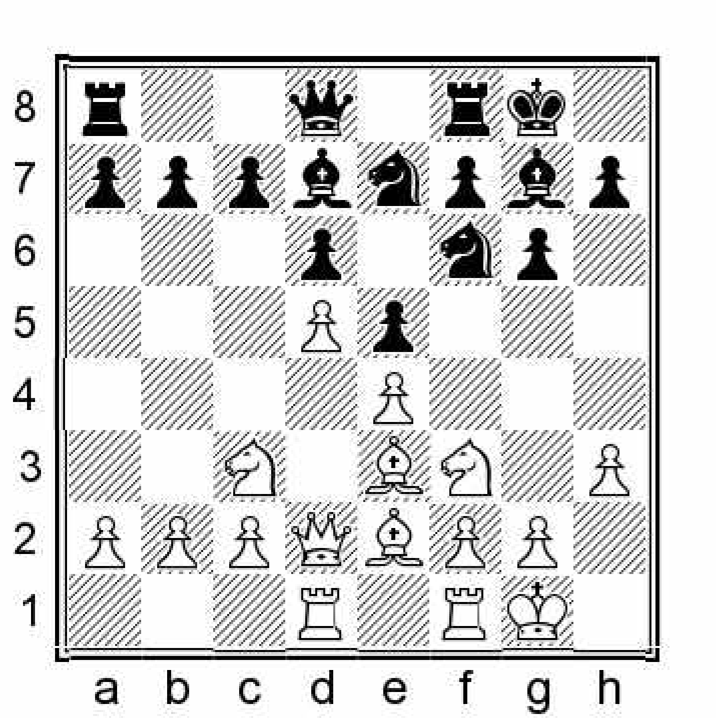
IM Paul van der Sterren next to Lake Balaton;
Photo by Hanneke van Parreren

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♗e2 O-O 6.O-O ♗g4 7.♗e3 ♘c6

At the time White's system against the Pirc Defence was frequently seen, having been employed by both Spassky and Karpov. On the other hand Black's set-up was popular among the top Dutch players, with Timman, Donner and the young Van der Sterren having enjoyed successes on the Black side.

8.♕d2 e5 9.dxe5

A few months earlier Azmaiparashvili had won a famous game against Karpov after 9.d5 ♘e7 (Karpov, Anatoly 2710 - Azmaiparashvili,Zurab 2455, USSR (ch) 1983 - 35/161) 10.h3 ♗d7 11.♖ad1

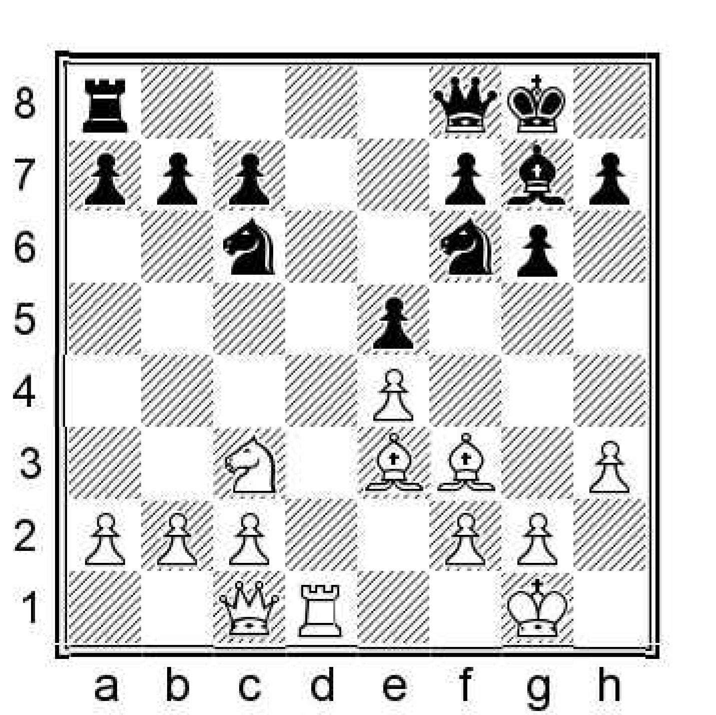


11...b5!, so Kosten prefers the alternative, not-as-boring-as-it-seems line.

9...dxe5 10.♖ad1 ♕c8

There is absolutely nothing wrong with 10...♕xd2 11.♖xd2 and then either rook to d8, but van der Sterren prefers to follow a Donner win.

11.♕c1 ♖d8 12.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 13.♖d1 ♕f8 14.h3 ♗xf3 15.♗xf3



15...♖d8

"My notes from around 1977, said I should play either 15...a6 or 15...h5, but I had forgotten about that by 1983," admitted Van der Sterren.

16.♘b5! ♖xd1+ 17.♕xd1 ♕b4?

Van der Sterren's deprovement over Donner's 17...♕b8 (actually 18... Qb8, due to a strange move order - Browne,Walter Shawn 2540 - Donner,Jan Hein 2465, Bristol (TV-m/1) 1979), but it is tactically unsound. "I was playing for a win to punish my opponent for playing what I considered at the time a lousy variation against the Pirc - 9.de5 - and as a consequence lost sight of reality," admitted Van der Sterren.

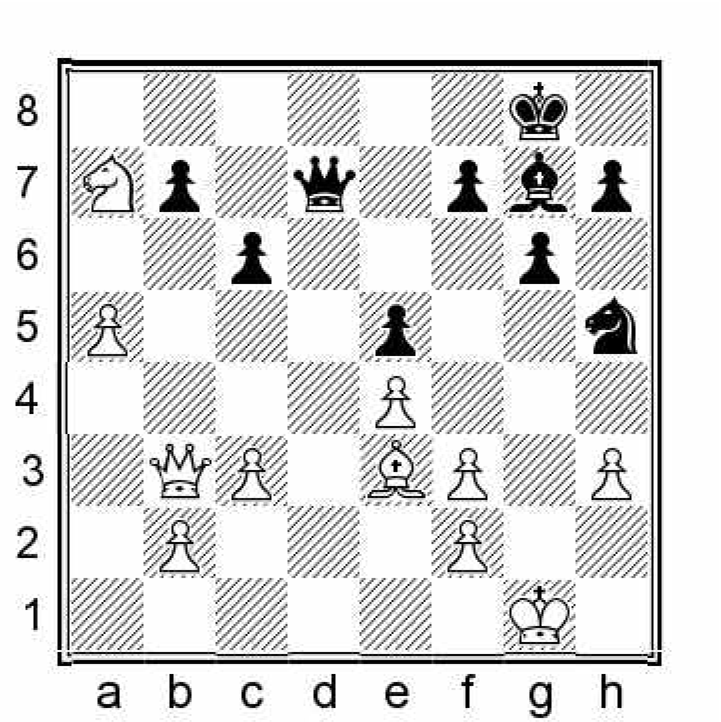
18.♘xa7! Barely considered by Black.

He had been expecting 18.♘xc7 ♕xb2 when the game is very much alive.

18...♘d4 Van der Sterren's most active option, but it meets a simple response.

18...♘xa7?! 19.♗xa7 ♘xe4 (19...b6 also loses to 20.♕d8+) 20.♗xe4 ♕xe4 21.♕d8+ ♗f8 22.♗c5.

19.c3! ♘xf3+ 20.gxf3 ♕e7 21.♕b3 c6 22.a4 ♘h5 23.a5 ♕d7 The knight on a7 is still trapped and Black seems to be stirring up some trouble on the kingside, but it is all a chimera...



24.a6! b5 25.♘xb5! cxb5 26.a7 ♕b7 27.♕a2 ♕a8 28.♕d5 Position is hopeless for Black. **1-0**

Advertising Versus Reality

The field that assembled for the first round was far from the expected array of stars. Among the 104 players in the top section, only three Grandmasters had travelled to Balatonbereny: Jozsef Pinter and Gyozo Forintos from the home nation, and Czechoslovakia's Jan Plachetka.

With only three GMs, the 20 International Masters taking part had virtually no chance for a Grandmaster norm, no matter how well they played. Kosten, thanks to a run of seven straight wins, did manage a fourth and final IM norm, but only played against two GMs - plus multiple future GMs of course!

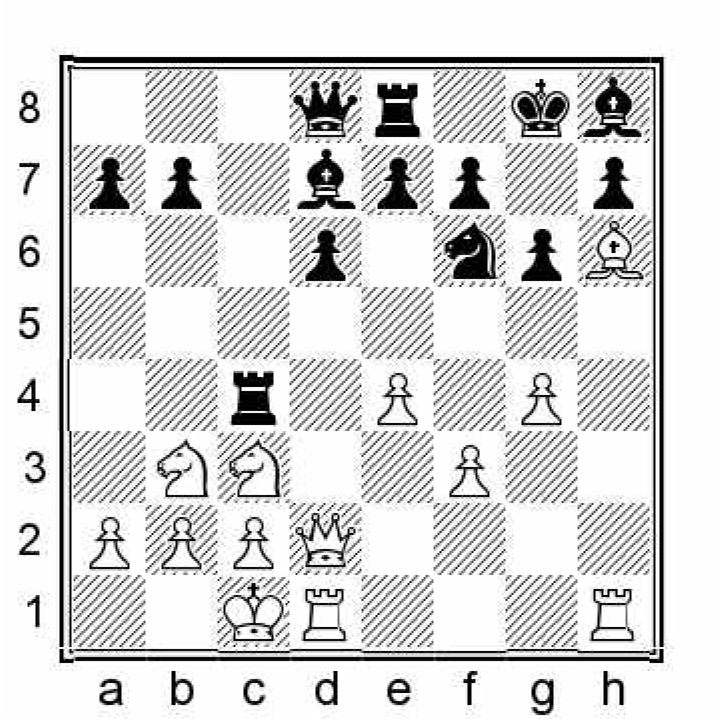
B78
Hardicsay, Peter (2315) - Tolnai, Tibor (2300)
Balatonbereny, 1983

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘c6 9.♗c4 ♗d7 10.h4 ♘e5 11.♗b3 ♖c8 12.O-O-O ♘c4 A move which has been almost completely superseded by 12...h5.

13.♗xc4 ♖xc4 14.h5 ♘xh5 15.g4 ♘f6 16.♘b3!?

Ten years later Anand was to beat Tolnai with 16.♔b1 (Anand, Viswanathan 2725 - Tolnai,Tibor 2490, Hilversum 1993 - 59/253), although 16.♗h6 ♘xe4 17.♕e3 was the main line at the time this game was played.

16...♖e8 17.♗h6 ♗h8



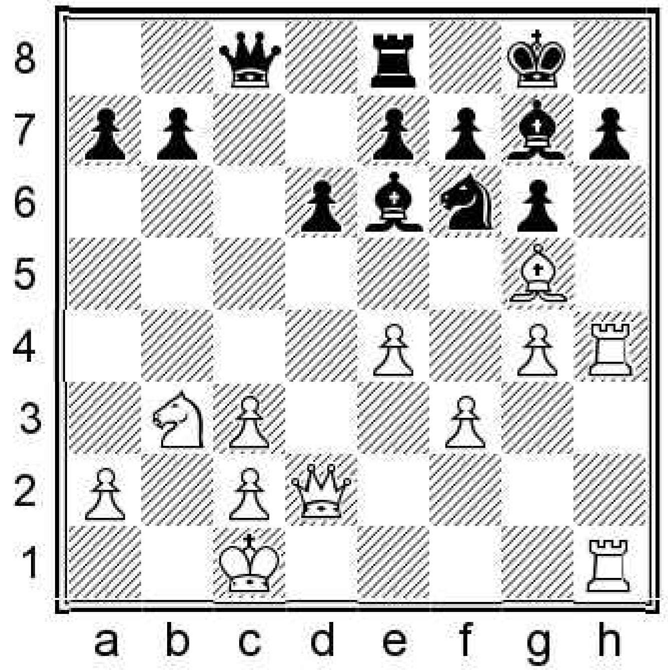
18.♗g5

18.♕h2 would allow the thematic 18...♖xc3! 19.bxc3 ♕c7, when Black is fine. e.g. 20.♗g5 ♖c8 21.♗xf6?! ♗xf6 22.♕xh7+ ♔f8 and White's attack is going nowhere.

18...♕c8 19.♖h4!? ♖xc3?!

However here 19...♘xg4! 20.fxg4 ♗xg4 is a better way to sacrifice, with a later ...h5 leaving Black's king very safe.

20.bxc3 ♗e6 21.♖dh1 ♗g7



22.e5! dxe5 23.♗xf6! ♗xf6 24.♖xh7 ♕c4! 25.g5?

White cannot yet triple on the h-file due to 25.♕h2 ♕f4+ which should have suggested 25.♔b1!, when the White queen reaching the h-file and creating a mating attack is just a matter of time.

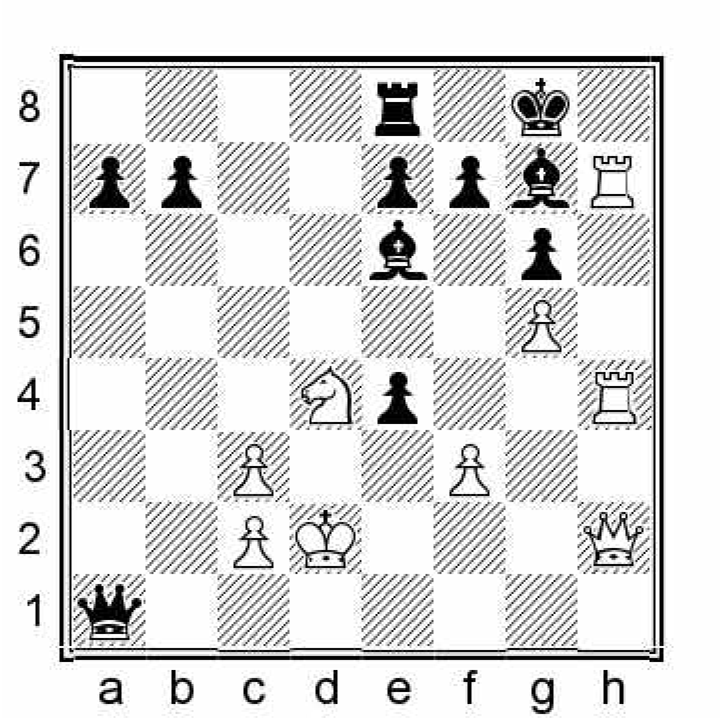
25...♗g7 26.♖1h4 e4! 27.♘d4 ♕xa2?

27...♕c5! was the right idea, with the point that after 28.♕h2 ♕xg5+ 29.♔b2 ♕f6 White has no mate.

28.♕h2?

White probably saw 28.♖xg7+! but missed that after 28...♔xg7 29.♘xe6+ ♕xe6 White has (29...fxe6 30.♕d4+) 30.♕h2! with mate to follow.

28...♕a1+ 29.♔d2



29...e3+! Now it seems as if Black's attack will come first, but Hardiscay still had one escape route.

30.♔e2? Equivalent to resignation.

On 30.♔d3! ♗c4+! 31.♔xc4 ♖c8+ looks very scary, yet after 32.♔d5! the players have nothing better than 32...♖d8+ 33.♔c4 (An attempt for White to play for a win with 33.♔e4? loses to 33...♖xd4+! 34.cxd4 ♕xd4#) 33...♖c8+ with a draw.

30...♗c4+ 31.♔xe3 ♕xc3+ 32.♔f2 ♗xd4+ 0-1

However norms were not the reason for playing in Eastern Europe.

King: "Tournaments like Balaton were an education. Money-wise, you couldn't make anything but Hungary was very cheap and I was gaining in experience. For example, watching Joszef Pinter I realised this guy is very classy. His understanding was really, really good and he picked off the British hackers Lawton and Kosten. I was introduced to a different style of play."

Only two players from the Soviet Union attended: Natalia Alekhina, who competed in the 26 player second group, and an unheralded but talented 29-year-old Sergey Arkhipov, who had been posted to Hungary as a soldier and was therefore not very popular with the locals.

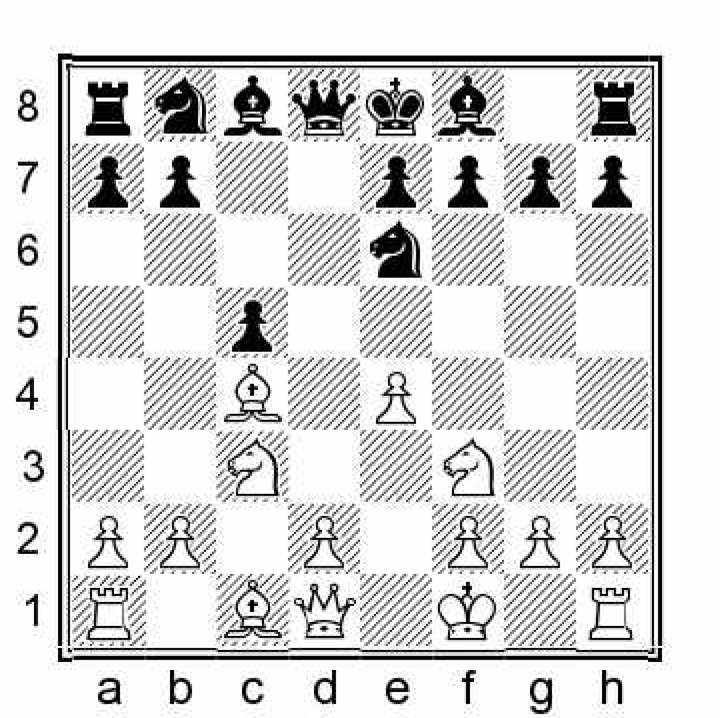
Kosten: "We had a football match one day, Hungary versus the rest, and I remember being shocked at how all the Hungarians kept fouling Arkhipov!"

King: "It was a 5 a side pitch except we played with about 19 a side - everyone was in there. Bela Perenyi [the Hungarian IM who died tragically young - IR] was a brilliant player, a superstar, really talented."

Arkhipov's problems at the hands of Hungarians were not only on the soccer pitch...

A34

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘b4 6.♗c4 ♘d3+ 7.♔e2 ♘f4+ 8.♔f1 ♘e6



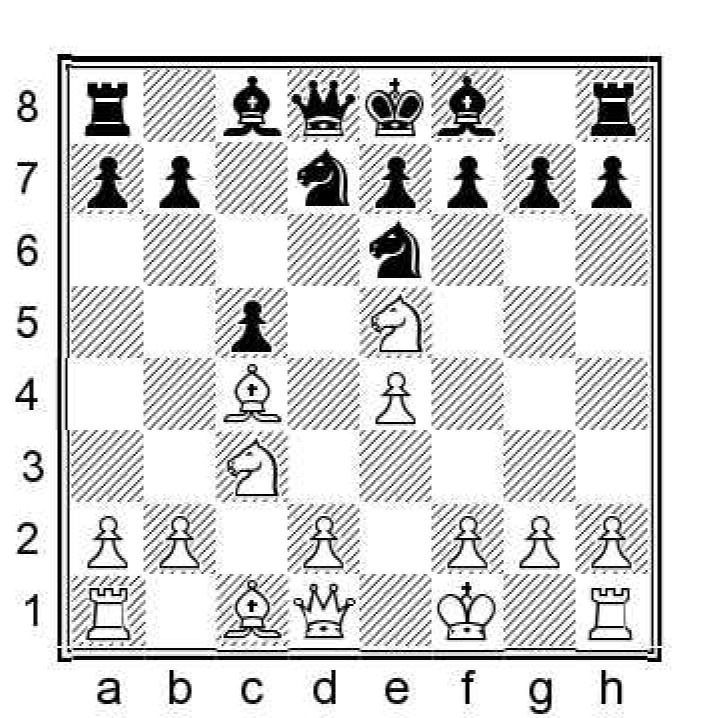
'Lad on Tour' IM Daniel King

9.♘e5!? A move first played by Averbakh,Yuri vs. Bondarevsky,Igor in Moscow 1946 and not revived until Suba,Mihai 2490 picked it up 35 years later against Bukic,Enver 2480, Tuzla 1981.

At the time this game was played, 9.b4!? cxb4 10.♘d5 was very much the main line, while today the equally weird 9.h4!? is often seen.

9...♘d7? A new move at the time, but one which Pinter and his team had already refuted at home.

Black has plenty of better options: 9...g6; 9...♕d6, or even the ugly 9...♘c6!? are playable.



10.♘xf7!! ♔xf7 11.♗xe6+ ♔xe6 12.♕b3+ ♔f6 Black's king will find no safe home on the queenside either.

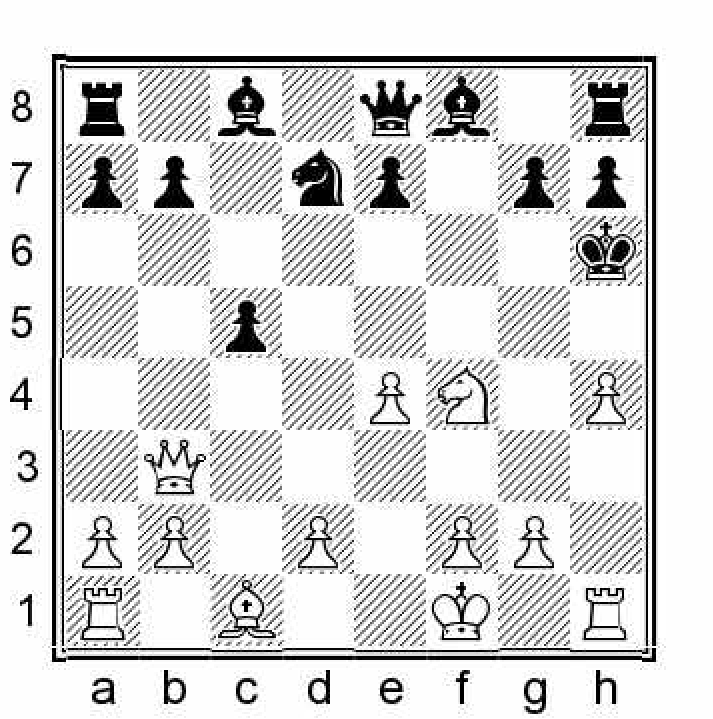
Move 12...♔d6 13.♘b5+ ♔c6 walks into 14.♕e6+! ♔xb5 15.a4+ when, wherever the king runs, 16.d4 will provide a winning attack.

13.♘d5+ ♔f7

13...♔g6 14.♘f4+ also leads to disaster.

14.♘c7+ ♔g6 15.♘e6! ♕e8 16.♘f4+ ♔g5 17.h4+! ♔h6

17...♔xf4 leads to a very pretty mate after 18.d3+ ♔g4 19.♕d1#!



18.♕g3 Here Arkhipov, faced with mate or loss of his queen, resigned. **1-0**

18.♕g3 Disingenuously, Pinter later published the game with some extra moves to show off the spectacular variation: 18...♕g6 19.♕g5+! ♕xg5 20.hxg5+ ♔xg5 21.♖h5+! ♔xf4 22.d3+ ♔g4 23.♖g5+ ♔h4 24.g3+ (This is where Pinter claimed that Arkhipov resigned.) 24...♔h3 25.♖h5+ ♔g4 26.♖h4+ ♔f3 27.♖f4#.

By publishing moves that never happened, Pinter could at least claim he was following in the footsteps of Alekhine, as well as the serial offender Eduard Gufeld.

Polgar the Saviour

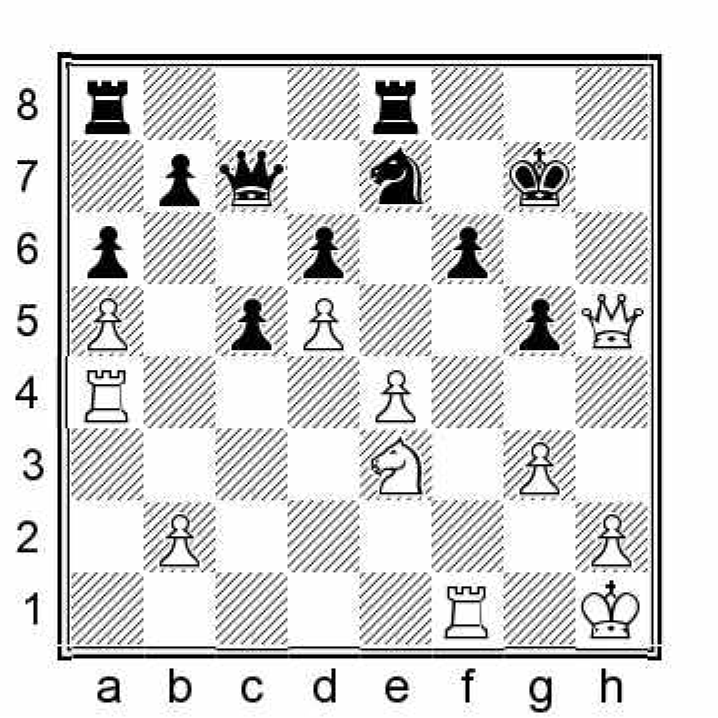
There was one special guest brought down by the organisers who made life much easier for the foreign players: 14-year-old Zsuzsa Polgar, who stayed for the first few days and then returned for the prizegiving.

Polgar, though rated "only" 2275, had already gained fame by winning the World U-16 Girls Championship at age 12. However it was her command of multiple languages that made her special in Balatonbereny.

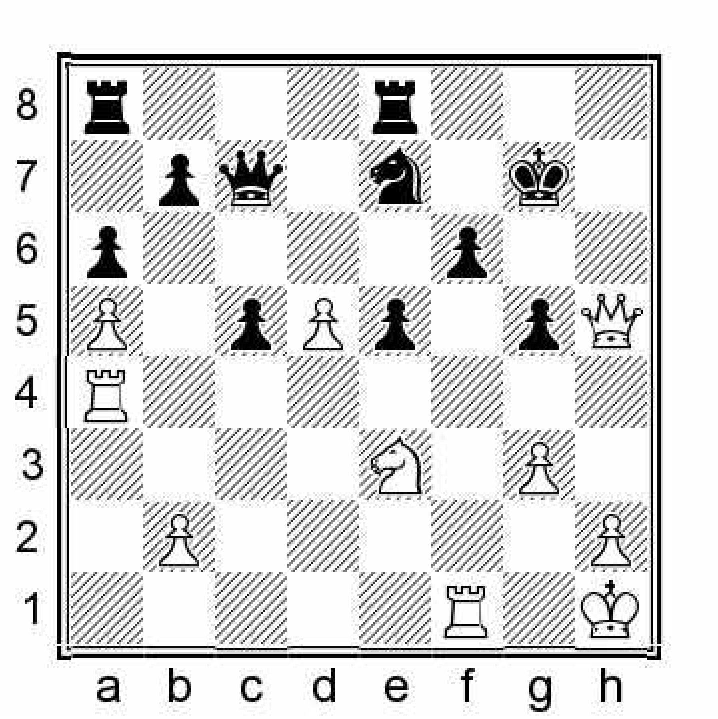
Polgar helped foreign players with hotel issues, food questions - at breakfast each day players had to fill out a form choosing all their meals for the following day - and multiple other problems. She also was frequently seen playing outside the hotel, though that was not without risk.

Flear: "I was playing doubles table tennis with some friends and at some point lurched to one side to try to get the ball back (as one does!). Unfortunately Miss Polgar was walking in the same place that I was leaping and I sent her flying. She survived (just about) but after picking herself up was clearly shaken."

Flear, Glenn C (2380) - Froeschl, Felix (2260)



Black was hoping for 30.♘g4? ♖h8!, but instead Flear pounced with **30.e5! dxe5**



31.♖xf6!! ♔xf6 32.♘g4+

32.♕h7!! was the prettiest finish, but the text move is good enough.

32...♔g7 33.♕xg5+ ♘g6 34.♕h6+ ♔g8 35.♘f6+

35.♘f6+ It is not worth continuing after 35...♔f7 36.♕h7+ ♔xf6 37.♕xc7 This was Flear's fourth's consecutive win but in the subsequent rounds he surprisingly changed gears, finishing with three short draws to tie for seventh.

1-0

It is hard to a modern reader to understand how cut off Hungary was in those years. Apart from short wave radio, unreliable in Balatonbereny, newspapers featured cover stories about, say, a newly released tractor.

When Cathy and I arrived in Balatonbereny, the America's Cup - perhaps the world's most prestigious yachting race - looked as if it might leave American hands for the first time in more than a century. The score was 3 : 3 - yet it was impossible to find out whether the Australian yacht had won or lost the final race.

Finally we decided to call out to sate our curiosity. There was only one telephone on the hotel premises, in a special office, and all foreign phone calls needed to go via an operator. We approached Zsuzsa, who had helped us check in and was playing with a ball outside the office. We asked if she could help with a telephone call to London. Half an hour later Zsuzsa was able to return to her ball game, having convinced the operator that we were not foreign spies. She handed the phone over to us, whereupon in a very quick call - at $7 per minute! - we learned that Australia had won the final race, after which the entire country had taken a holiday.

Pinter!

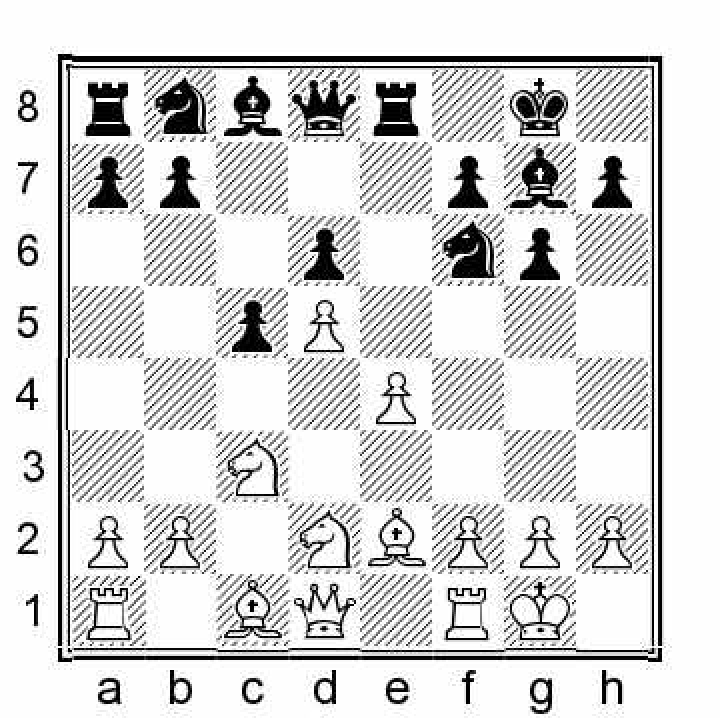
Pinter was the tournament's top seed, already inside the world's top 50 with a 2525 rating. (2600+ was a top 10 rating, but a decade later would only give a place in the top 50.)

The 29-year-old from Budapest won the event comfortably, though he suffered a shaky start before beating and overtaking Vladimir Bukal, then van der Sterren and, in the key match-up, Kosten. Pinter thereby stopped the Englishman's seven game winning streak and could then draw his way to tournament victory.

A77
Pinter, Jozsef (2525) - Kosten, Anthony C (2395)
Balatonbereny, 1983

Tournament Winner GM József Pintér; Photo by Cathy Roger

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.♘c3 g6 7.e4 ♗g7 8.♗e2 O-O 9.O-O ♖e8 10.♘d2



It is hard to overestimate how popular White's system against the Benoni was from the 1950s until the 1980s; trusted as a way to shut down Tal, but also employed (unsuccessfully) by Spassky against Fischer in their 1972 world title match.

10...♘bd7 11.a4 a6 12.♖a3!?

As a result of the Spassky - Fischer game, very strong players - Gligoric was a notable exception - wanted to further investigate Fischer's idea 12.♕c2 ♘h5!? - though modern computers hate permitting the doubled pawns.

12...b6 At the time, a ...Ra7-e7 plan was considered rather trendy.

The more sober 12...♖b8 is a better move.

13.♕c2 ♖a7 14.♔h1?! Too careful.

After 14.h3 Black's knight cannot move to e5 without getting knocked back immediately, while the thematic 14...g5? would lose to 15.♘c4. As a result, Black's rook on a7 would start to look rather stupid.

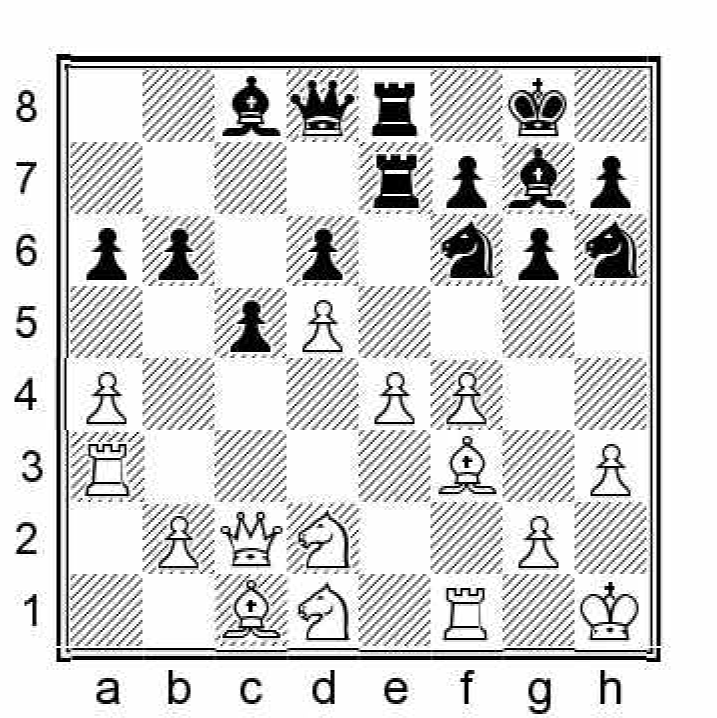
14...♘e5! 15.♘d1 A manoeuvre to secure the f5-square should Black seek to play ...g5.

Both 15.f4 ♘eg4 16.♘c4 ♖ae7 and 15.h3 g5 allow Black to achieve normal (and in the first case very promising) Benoni positions.

15...♖ae7 16.f4 ♘eg4 17.h3 ♘h6

17...h5!? 18.hxg4 ♘xe4! would be a lot of fun for Black, but of course White need not capture on g4.

18.♗f3



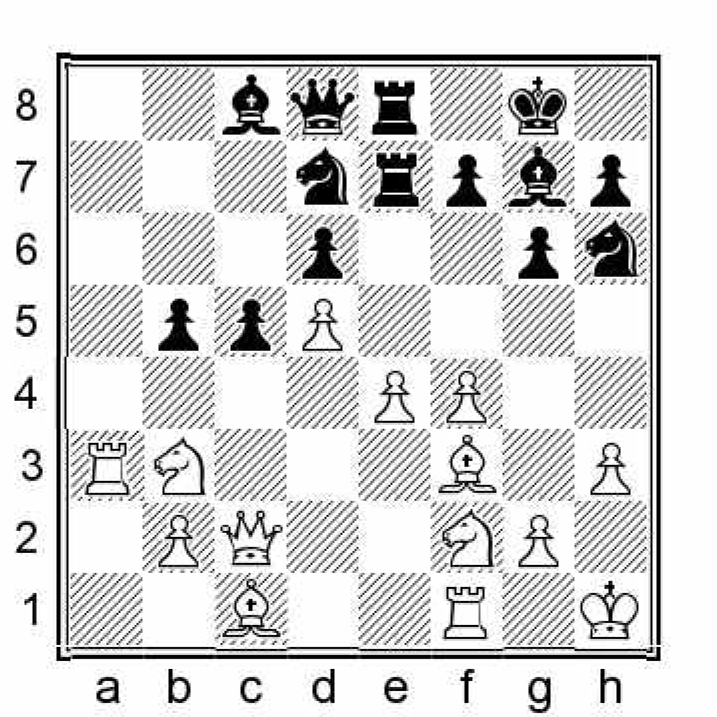
18...b5 The queenside attack is not really very effective and moreover allows another Benoni theme - Nb3-a5-c6.

However it would be decades before computers became strong enough to say that 18...♘xd5!! 19.exd5 ♘f5! offered great compensation for Black - though of course finishing 0.00 with best play.

19.axb5 axb5 20.♘f2

20.g4 ♘fxg4 21.hxg4 ♘xg4 is the sacrifice Black has been preparing, so why allow it?

20...♘d7 21.♘b3!



21...c4? This was the last chance for Kosten to be brave.

Although the queen sacrifice 21...f5! 22.♘a5 fxe4!! 23.♘c6 exf3 24.♘xd8 fxg2+ 25.♔xg2 ♖xd8 was hard to assess, it was also easier for Black to play and even the silicon kibitzers approve.

22.♘a5 ♘b8 23.♖d1! ♖a7 24.♗d2 ♗d4 25.♗e1 ♗b6

25...♗c5 26.♖aa1 f5 was a better try, but still promising for White after 27.♘c6!

26.♘c6! ♘xc6 27.dxc6 ♖xa3 28.bxa3 ♕c7 29.♕c1! Starting a series of forcing moves which keep the c6-pawn alive for long enough to win the game.

29...♔g7

29...♕xc6? loses to 30.f5! ♔g7 31.f6+!

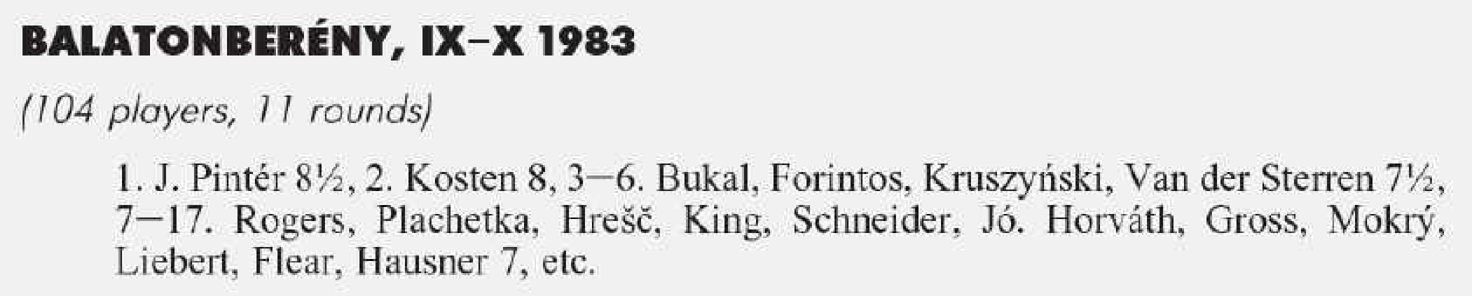
30.♕b2+ f6 31.♗c3

There was nothing wrong with 31.♕xb5 either.

31...♘g8 32.♘g4 ♗xg4 33.hxg4 ♗a5 34.e5! ♗xc3 35.♕xc3 fxe5 36.fxe5 d5 37.e6+ ♔f8

37...♘f6 38.♖xd5! is also hopeless.

38.♗xd5 ♕f4 39.♔g1 ♔e7 40.♕g7+ ♔d6 1-0



BALATONBERÉNY, IX–X 1983

(104 players, 11 rounds)

1. J. Pintér 8½, 2. Kosten 8, 3–6. Bukal, Forintos, Kruszyński, Van der Sterren 7½, 7–17. Rogers, Plachetka, Hrešč, King, Schneider, Jó. Horváth, Gross, Mokrý, Liebert, Flear, Hausner 7, etc.

My own result was made up of a disappointing three wins and eight draws - as many draws as I would play in an average year of tournaments in Australia. I had not yet adjusted to the level of technique among "average" professionals in Hungary, too often exchanging into slightly better endgames which could not be won.

Lack of motivation may also have contributed. As van der Sterren later explained: "I was a bit frustrated with the tournament offering no realistic prospects of a Grandmaster norm and the somewhat poor food, general level of organisation (plus Glenn Flear pestering me for a short draw in the last round). However in hindsight it doesn't seem to have been such a bad tournament!"

Dynamite

While mornings could be used for football, exploring the unusual colours for which Lake Balaton is noted, or even preparation, evenings after the games in Balatonbereny offered very little in the way of entertainment. Cathy and I would alternate between trying to find Radio Luxembourg on our short-wave radio and competing with Johansen as to who could remember and sing the most television theme tunes. Up against a person who knew every version of the Gilligan's Island song, we had no chance, and the Hungarian players in neighbouring rooms probably wished we hadn't tried.

For the British, and others, alcohol was rather important.

King: "For us it was lads on tour - we wanted adventure. Looking for booze one night - we were all looking for booze in those days - someone said you can buy a Hungarian brandy Palinka in the village, second house on the right. I knocked on the door and a stocky, busty woman answered the door. I said "Palinka?" and she replied "Moment". She went to the house next door, came back without a bottle and looked around. Suddenly she produced a bottle from her bosom and I handed over a few forints. A dynamite symbol was scratched on the bottle, and it bloody well was dynamite!"

Postscript

After the prizes had been distributed, most of the players jumped on the ARTEX bus back to Budapest, with many then travelling on to a new tournament or the Bundesliga.

King, with very little money but a week to kill before the Kobenhavn Open, had a trip typical of the British "lads on tour". After a ride to Frankfurt at 200+ kms per hour in Dario Doncevic's Mercedes, King was dropped off at a cheap hotel at 3am, only to discover the next morning that the Doncevic Mercedes, by now far away, had his passport on the back seat. Through an underground network of chess connections, King managed to alert Doncevic and the passport was returned just in time for King to jump on a train to Kobenhavn.

Cathy and I hitched a ride to Yugoslavia with Vladimir Bukal and Milan Drasko. At the long border stop Bukal and Drasko drank a toast to "Solidarnosc!" - they knew, though we did not, that Poland's Lech Walesa had just been announced as the Nobel Peace Prize winner. None of us had any idea that thanks to Solidarity and multiple other unexpected contributors, the Iron Curtain would be gone in only six more years.

Balatonbereny, however, remains a tourist resort and is now Hungary's most popular nudist beach!

GUNNERMURI TALES

By GM Marian Petrov

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Game Changers?

PART IV

The Great Rivalry

The Saint Petersburg 1914 chess tournament was the first in which Capablanca confronted Lasker under tournament conditions. This event was arranged in an unusual way: after a preliminary single round-robin tournament involving 11 players, the top five were to play a second stage in double round-robin format, with total scores from the preliminary tournament carried forward to the second contest.

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- **Rating:** 2448
- **Peak rating:** 2549
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2010

Capablanca finished first in the preliminary tournament, 1½ points ahead of Lasker, who was out of practice and had made a shaky start. Despite a determined effort by Lasker, Capablanca still seemed on course for ultimate victory. But in their second game of the final, Lasker reduced Capablanca to a helpless position and Capablanca was so shaken by this that he blundered away his next game to Tarrasch. Lasker then won his final game against Marshall, thus finishing half a point ahead of Capablanca and 3½ ahead of Alekhine.

Alekhine commented: "His real, incomparable gifts first began to make themselves known at the time of Saint Petersburg, 1914, when I too came to know him personally. Neither before, nor afterwards have I seen - and I cannot imagine as well - such a flabbergasting quickness of chess comprehension as that possessed by the Capablanca of that epoch. Enough to say that he gave all the Saint Petersburg masters the odds of 5 : 1 in quick games - and won! With all this he was always good-humoured, the darling of the ladies, and enjoyed wonderful good health - really a dazzling appearance. That he came second to Lasker must be entirely ascribed to his youthful levity - he was already playing as well as Lasker."

Capablanca's defeat by Reti in the fifth round was his first in serious competition in eight years.

A group of Argentinian businessmen backed by a guarantee from the president of Argentina, promised the funds for a World Championship Match between Capablanca and Alekhine in 1927.

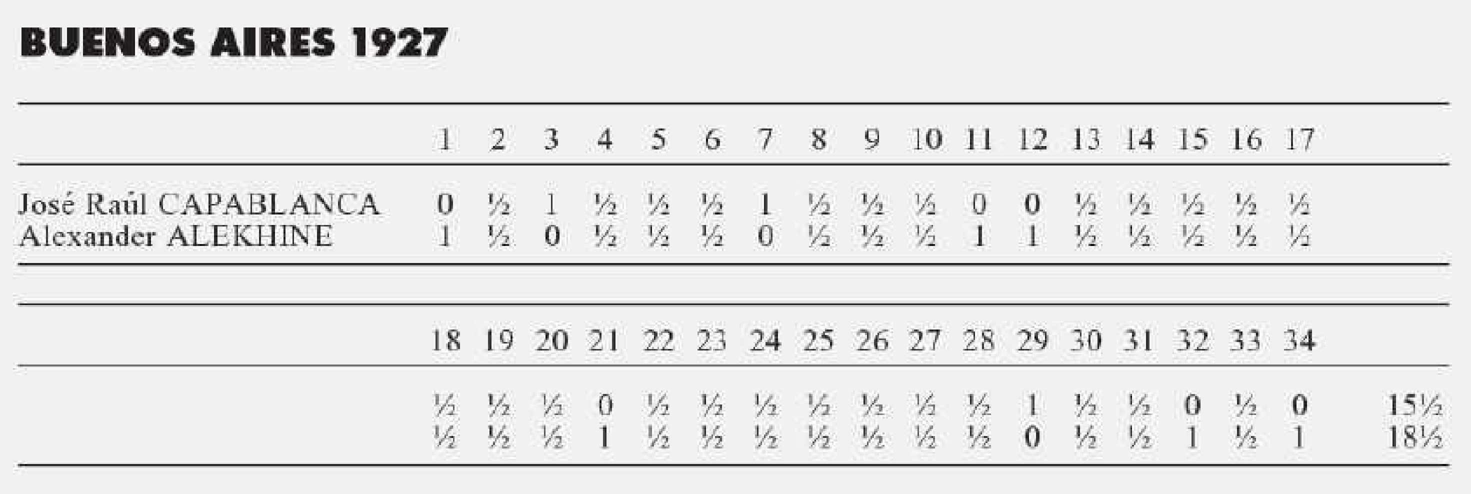
Since Nimzowitsch had challenged before Alekhine, Capablanca gave Nimzowitsch deadline until 1 January 1927, to provide a deposit in order to arrange a match. When this did not materialize, Capablanca - Alekhine match was agreed, to begin in September 1927.

In the New York 1927 chess tournament, held from 19 February to 23 March 1927, six of the world's strongest masters played a quadruple round-robin, with the participants being Capablanca, Alekhine, Rudolf Spielmann, Milan Vidmar, Nimzowitsch and Marshall, with Bogoljubow and Lasker absent. Before the tournament, Capablanca wrote that he had "more experience but less power" than in 1911, that he had peaked in 1919 and that some of his rivals had become stronger in the meantime. But Capablanca had overwhelming success: he finished undefeated with 14/20, winning the mini-matches against each of his rivals, 2½ points ahead of second-placed Alekhine, and won the "best game" prize for the win over Spielmann.

Since Capablanca had won the New York 1927 chess tournament overwhelmingly and had never lost a game to Alekhine, most pundits regarded the Cuban as the clear favourite in their World Chess Championship 1927 match. But, Alekhine won the match, played from September to November 1927 in Buenos Aires, by 6 wins, 3 losses, and 25 draws - the longest formal World Championship match until the contest in 1984/85 between Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov. Alekhine's victory surprised almost the entire chess world.

After Capablanca's death, Alekhine expressed surprise at his own victory, since in 1927 he had not thought he was superior to Capablanca, and he suggested that Capablanca had been overconfident.

Capablanca entered the match with no technical or physical preparation, while Alekhine got himself into good physical condition and had thoroughly studied Capablanca's play. According to Kasparov, Alekhine's research uncovered many small inaccuracies, which occurred because Capablanca was unwilling to concentrate intensely. Vladimir Kramnik commented that this was the first contest in which Capablanca had no easy wins. Ludek Pachman suggested that Capablanca, who was unaccustomed to losing games or to any other type of setback, became depressed over his unnecessary loss in the 11th game in a grueling endgame featuring errors by both players. The match became somewhat notorious for its extremely lopsided use of the Queen's Gambit Declined; all games after the first two feaured this opening, and Capablanca's defeat has been partially attributed to his unwillingness to try any other openings.



BUENOS AIRES 1927

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José Raúl CAPABLANCA	0	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½
Alexander ALEKHINE	1	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	½	½

	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	
	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	½	0	15½
	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	1	½	1	18½

Immediately after winning the match, Alekhine announced that he was willing to give Capablanca a rematch, on the same terms that Capablanca had required as champion - the challenger must provide a stake of US$10.000, of which more than half would go to the defending champion even if he was defeated. Previously, Alekhine had challenged Capablanca in the early 1920s, but he could not raise the money until 1927. After Capablanca's death, Alekhine wrote that Capablanca's demand for a $10.000 stake was an attempt to avoid challenges.

Negotiations dragged on for several years, often breaking down when agreement seemed in sight. Their relationship became bitter and Alekhine demanded much higher appearance fees for tournaments in which Capablanca also played. During his career Capablanca lost only 34 serious games. He was undefeated from 10 February 1916, when he lost to Oscar Chajes in the New York 1916 tournament, to 21 March 1924, when he lost to Richard Reti at the New York International tournament. During this streak, which included his 1921 World Championship match against Lasker, Capablanca played 63 games, winning 40 and drawing 23. In fact, only Marshall, Lasker, Alekhine and Rudolf Spielmann won two or more games against Capablanca, though in each case, their overall lifetime scores were negative (Capablanca beat Marshall +20 -2 =28, Lasker +6 -2 =16, Alekhine +9 -7 =33), except for Spielmann acieved an equal score (+2 -2 =8).

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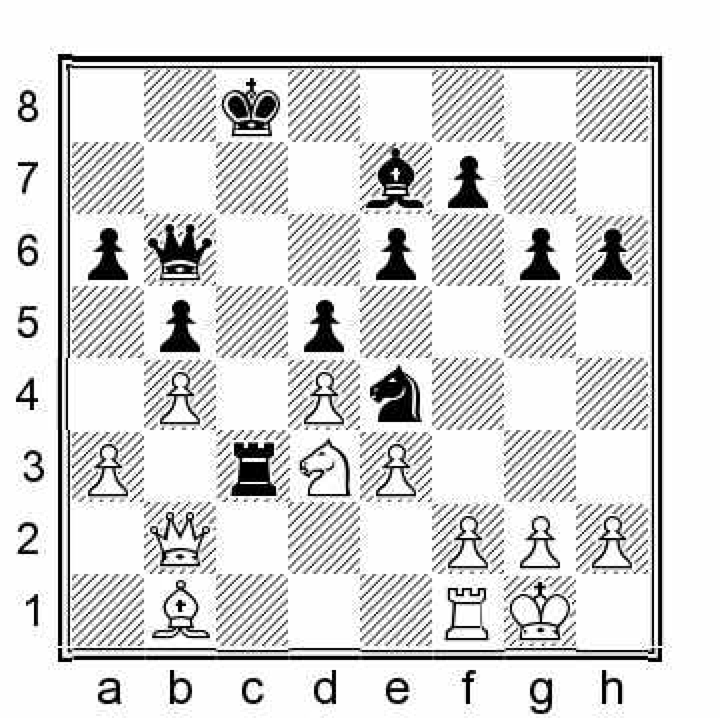
Capablanca, Jose Raul - Alekhine, Alexander
Buenos Aires (m/11), 1927

José Raúl Capablanca

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♘bd7 5.e3 c6

5...♗e7 in the next game the defending Champion has got no problem to get a good position after the opening. 6.♘f3 O-O 7.♖c1 c6 8.♕c2 a6 9.a3 h6 10.♗h4 ♖e8 11.♖d1 b5 12.cxb5 axb5∓ (12...cxb5 13.♗d3 ♗b7 14.O-O ♖c8= 15.♕b1 ♕a5 (15...♗xa3 16.♘xb5 ♗f8 17.♘c3=) 16.♘e2 ♘b6 17.♘e5 ♘c4 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♗h7+ ♔f8 20.♘d7+ ♔e7 21.♘c5 ♕b6 22.a4 (22.♘xb7? ♕xb7 23.♗d3 ♖c7 It's hard to imagine Capablanca could lose after 24.♕a2 ♖ec8 25.b3 ♘d6 26.♕d2 ♕b6 27.♖c1 ♔d7 28.♖xc7+ ♖xc7 29.♗b1 ♗e7 30.♘f4 ♔c8 31.♕e2 g6 32.♘d3 ♘e4 (32...♕a5 33.♕a2 ♖c3=) 33.b4 ♖c3? 34.♕b2



34...♖c7 (34...♕c7?? Amazing how Black thought this could work. White's move is obvious 35.♘c5 ♗xc5 36.dxc5 ♕e5 37.f4 ♕g7 38.♗xe4 dxe4 39.♔f2 ♕f6 40.g3 g5 41.♖c1 1 : 0 Alekhine,Alexander - Capablanca,Jose Raul, Buenos Aires (m/12) 1927) 35.♕e2 ♘d6 36.♘c5±) 22...bxa4 23.♘xa4 ♕b4 24.♘c5=)

6.♘f3 ♕a5 7.♘d2 ♗b4 8.♕c2 dxc4 9.♗xf6 ♘xf6 10.♘xc4 ♕c7 11.a3

11.♗d3±

11...♗e7 12.♗e2 O-O 13.O-O ♗d7

13...c5=

14.b4 b6 15.♗f3 ♖ac8 16.♖fd1 ♖fd8 17.♖ac1 ♗e8

The position is very pleasant and suits the style of the defending Champion. Also, Black is passive and without active counterplay.

18.g3

18.e4

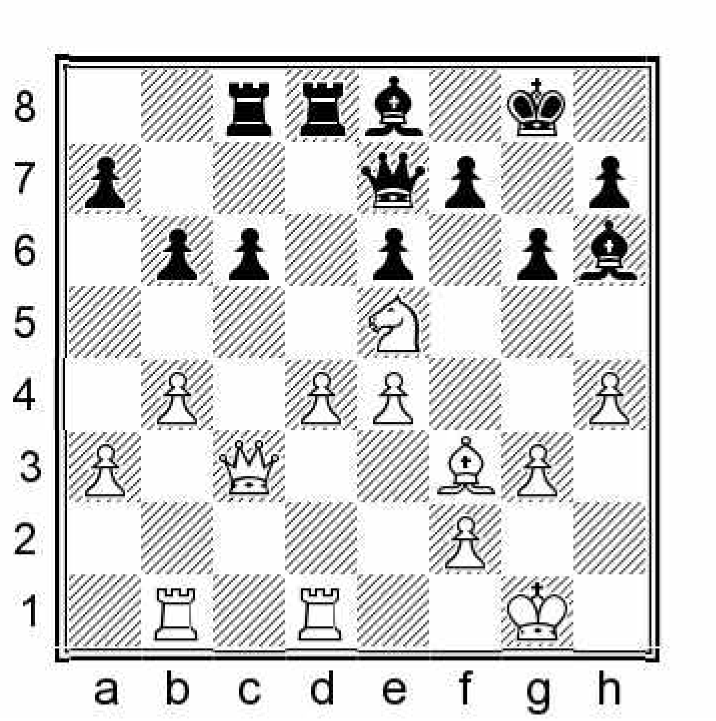
18...♘d5 19.♘b2?! ♕b8? 20.♘d3 ♗g5 21.♖b1 ♕b7 22.e4

22.♕b3±

22...♘xc3 23.♕xc3 ♕e7

23...c5 24.bxc5 ♗c6 25.♖e1 ♕d7=

24.h4 ♗h6 25.♘e5 g6



26.♘g4? After this move White is slowly losing the thread of the game.

26.♘c4 ♗g7 27.e5± is very pleasant for White.

26...♗g7 27.e5 h5 28.♘e3 c5= 29.bxc5 bxc5 30.d5 exd5 31.♘xd5 ♕e6 32.♘f6+

32.♖b7 ♗xe5 (32...♕xe5 33.♕xe5 ♗xe5 34.♘e7+; 32...♖d7 33.♖xd7 ♗xd7 34.♘f4 ♕e7 35.♘d5 ♕e6=) 33.♕e3±

32...♗xf6 33.exf6 Now White has to fight for a draw.

33...♖xd1+ 34.♖xd1 ♗c6 35.♖e1 ♕f5 36.♖e3 Capablanca was the best in simple endgames at that time, but in this match he just didn't played at his very highest level.

36...c4 37.a4 a5 38.♗g2

38.♗xc6 ♖xc6 39.♔g2 ♖xf6 40.♖f3 ♕xf3+ 41.♕xf3 ♖xf3 42.♔xf3=

38...♗xg2 39.♔xg2 ♕d5+ 40.♔h2 ♕f5 41.♖f3?

41.♔g1=

41...♕c5 42.♖f4 ♔h7 43.♖d4 ♕c6 44.♕xa5 c3 45.♕a7 ♔g8 46.♕e7 ♕b6 47.♕d7 ♕c5 48.♖e4 ♕xf2+ 49.♔h3 ♕f1+ 50.♔h2 ♕f2+ 51.♔h3 ♖f8 52.♕c6 ♕f1+ 53.♔h2 ♕f2+ 54.♔h3 ♕f1+

54...♕f3 55.♖c4 ♕f1+ 56.♔h2 ♖d8-+

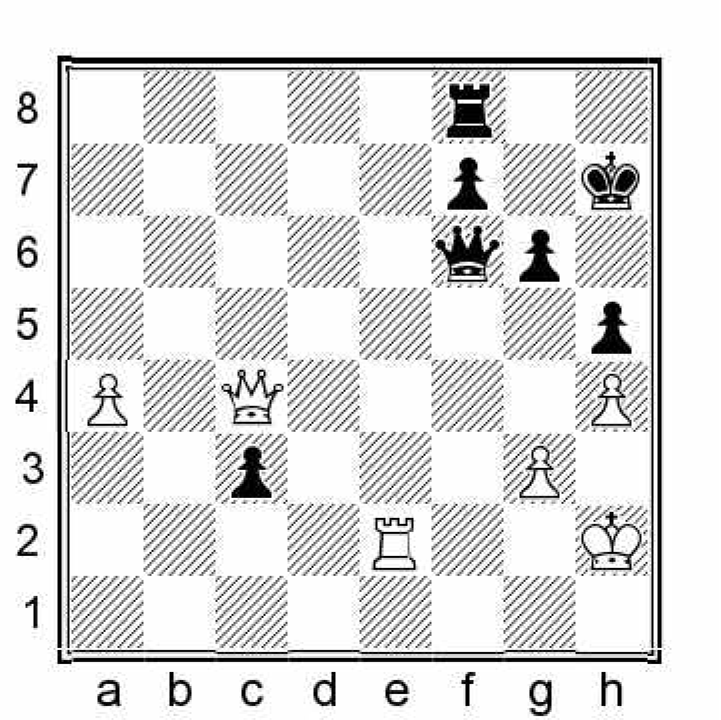
55.♔h2 ♔h7 56.♕c4

56.♖e7 ♕f2+ 57.♔h3 c2 58.♖c7=

56...♕f2+ 57.♔h3 ♕g1 58.♖e2 ♕f1+

58...♕h1+ 59.♖h2 ♕b7 60.♕xc3 ♕d7+ 61.♔g2 ♖c8-+

59.♔h2 ♕xf6



60.a5??

60.♖c2∓

60...♖d8 61.a6 Probably white did not calculate the line until the end.

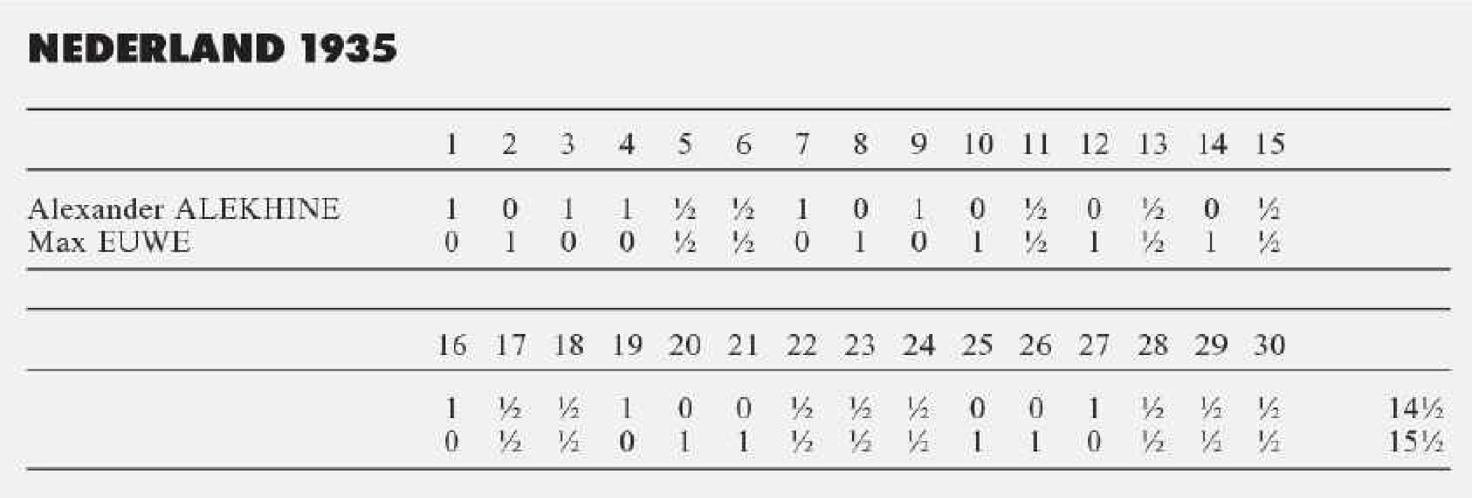
61...♕f1 62.♕e4 ♖d2 63.♖xd2 cxd2 64.a7 d1=♕ 65.a8=♕ ♕g1+ 66.♔h3 ♕df1+ 0-1

A Shocking Defeat

In 1933, Alekhine challenged Max Euwe to a championship match. Euwe, in the early 1930s, was regarded as one of three credible challengers (the others were Jose Raul Capablanca and Salo Flohr). Euwe accepted the challenge for October 1935. Earlier that year, Dutch radio sports journalist Han Hollander asked Capablanca for his views on the forthcoming match. In the rare archival film footage, in which Capablanca and Euwe both spoke, Capablanca replies: "Dr. Alekhine's game is 20% bluff. Dr. Euwe's game is clear and straightforward. Dr. Euwe's game - not so strong as Alekhine's in some respects - is more evenly balanced." Then Euwe gave his assessment in Dutch, explaining that his feelings alternated from optimism to pessimism, but in the previous ten years, their score had been evenly matched at 7 : 7.

On October 3 1935, the World Championship match began in Zandvoort, Nederland. Although Alekhine took an early lead, from game thirteen onwards Euwe won twice as many games as Alekhine. The challenger became the new champion on December 16, 1935, with nine wins, thirteen draws, and eight losses.

This was the first world championship match in which seconds were officially employed: Alekhine had the services of Salo Landau, and Euwe had Geza Maroczy. Euwe's win was a major upset. Kmoch wrote that Alekhine drank no alcohol for the first half of the match, but later had a glass or tow before most games. However, Salo Flohr, who also assisted Euwe, thought that overconfidence caused more problems than alcohol did for Alekhine, specially knowing that Alekhine himself had previously said he would win easily.



NEDERLAND 1935

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Alexander ALEKHINE	1	0	1	1	½	½	1	0	1	0	½	0	½	0	½	
Max EUWE	0	1	0	0	½	½	0	1	0	1	½	1	½	1	½	

	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	1	½	½	1	0	0	½	½	½	0	0	1	½	½	½	14½
	0	½	½	0	1	1	½	½	½	1	1	0	½	½	½	15½

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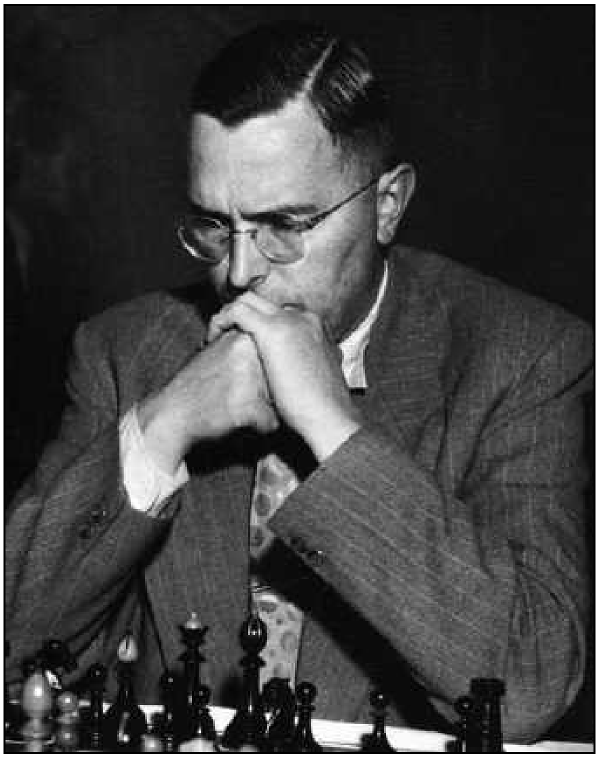
Euwe, Max - Alekhine, Alexander
Nederland (m/26), 1935

Max Euwe



1.d4 e6 2.c4 This was one of the most important game towards the end of the match.

2...f5 3.g3

3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7=

3...♗b4+ 4.♗d2

4.♘c3 ♘f6=

4...♗e7 5.♗g2 ♘f6 6.♘c3 O-O 7.♘f3 ♘e4

7...b6 8.♘e5 c6 9.d5=

8.O-O

8.♘xe4 fxe4 9.♘e5 d6 10.♘g4 e5=

8...b6 9.♕c2

9.♘e1 ♗b7 10.f3 ♘xd2 11.♕xd2=

9...♗b7 10.♘e5

10.d5 ♘xc3 (10...exd5 11.cxd5 (11.♘xd5) 11...♘xc3∞) 11.♗xc3 exd5 12.♘d4±;

10.a3 d6 11.b4 ♘d7=;

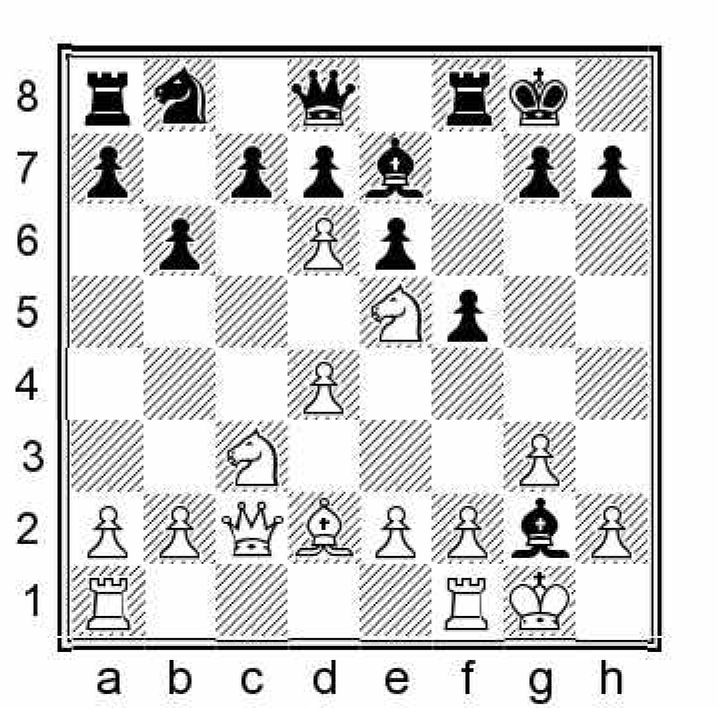
10.♖ad1 d6 11.d5 ♘xc3 12.♗xc3 e5=

10...♘xc3

10...♘xd2?? 11.♗xb7 ♘xf1 12.♗xa8 ♘xg3 13.hxg3 c6 14.♖d1 ♕c7 15.e4+-;

10...d5 11.♘xe4 fxe4 12.♗h3±;

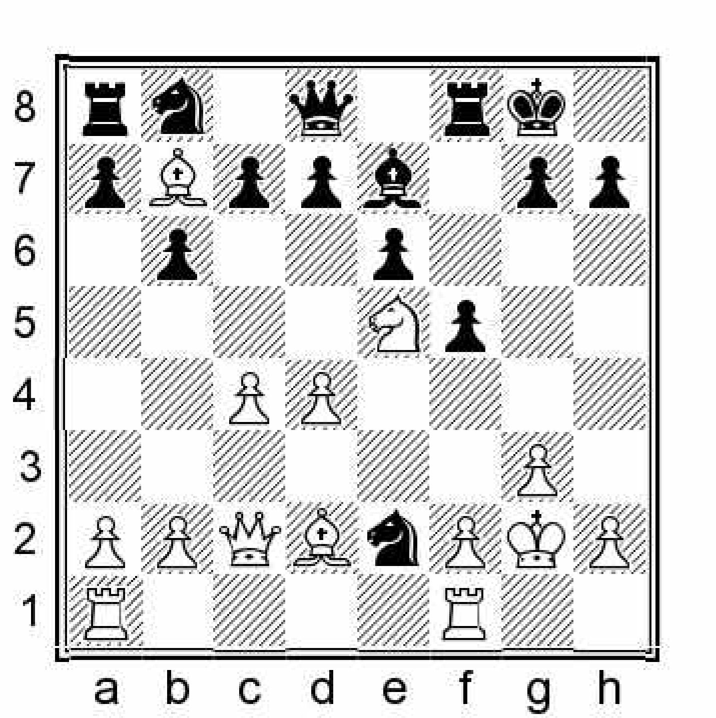
10...♘d6 11.c5 (11.♗xb7 ♘xb7 12.e4) 11...♗xg2 12.cxd6



12...cxd6! (12...♗xf1?? 13.dxe7 ♕xe7 14.♖xf1+-) 13.♔xg2 dxe5 14.dxe5 ♘c6=

11.♗xc3

11.♗xb7 ♘xe2+ 12.♔g2



12...♘xd4! (12...♘c6 13.♘xc6 dxc6 14.♗c3 (14.♗xa8? ♘xd4 15.♕d3 ♕xa8∓ 16.♕xd4 c5+) 14...♘xd4 (14...♖b8 15.♕xe2 ♖xb7 16.♕xe6+ ♔h8 17.♕xc6+-; 14...♘xc3 15.♗xa8 ♕xa8 16.bxc3±) 15.♗xd4±) 13.♕d3 ♘bc6 14.♘xc6 dxc6 (14...♘xc6 15.♗xa8 ♕xa8) 15.♗xa8 ♕xa8 16.♕xd4 c5+-+

11...♗xg2 12.♔xg2 ♕c8

12...d6 13.♘d3 ♘d7 (13...♗f6 14.e4 fxe4 15.♘f4±) 14.♘f4±;

12...♘c6 13.♘xc6 dxc6 14.e4⩲

13.d5

13.♖ad1 d6 14.♘d3 ♘d7 15.♘f4 ♘f6 16.d5±;

13.e4 d6 14.♘f3 ♘d7 15.exf5 exf5 16.d5±

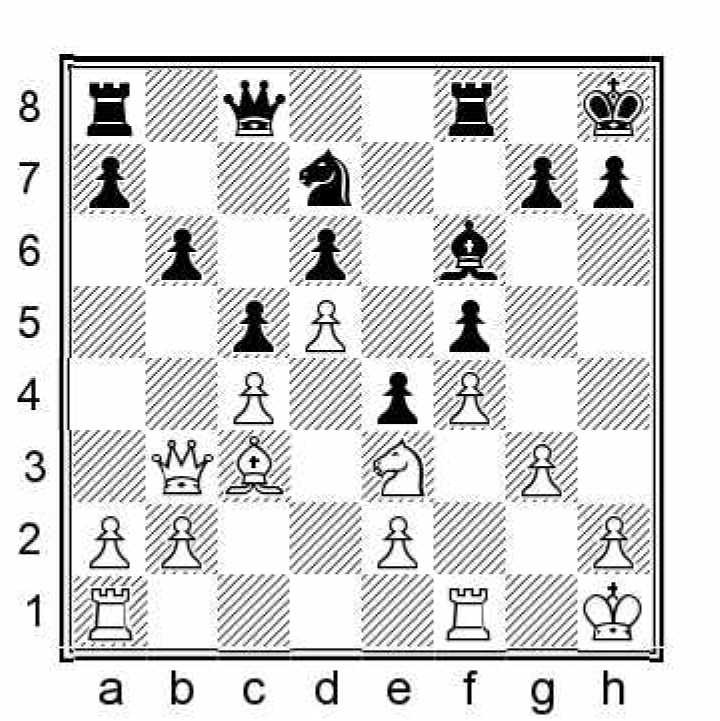
13...d6 14.♘d3 e5 15.♔h1 c6

15...a5 16.a3 a4=;

15...♕e8 16.b4 ♕h5 17.a4 ♖f6=

16.♕b3 ♔h8 17.f4 e4 18.♘b4 c5 19.♘c2 ♘d7 20.♘e3 ♗f6 This move gives White a chance to complicate the game and Euwe went for it.

20...♕e8 21.♖g1 h5= and Black has a good game.



21.♘xf5!

21.♗xf6 ♘xf6 22.♕c3 h5=

21...♗xc3 22.♘xd6 ♕b8

22...♕c7 23.♘b5+-

23.♘xe4 ♗f6 24.♘d2 After the last few forced moves White has got a few pawns for the piece and if he manages to build a strong centre with e4 he could have some advantage.

24...g5

24...b5 was the most direct attempt for active counterplay. Black has to do something before e4-e5 comes. 25.cxb5 (25.e4 ♗d4) 25...g5 (25...a6 26.bxa6 ♖xa6)

25.e4 gxf4 26.gxf4 ♗d4 27.e5 ♕e8

27...♘xe5 28.fxe5 ♕xe5 29.♘f3 ♕e2 30.♖ae1± ♕xb2 was another option.

28.e6

28.♖ae1 ♕h5 29.e6±

28...♖g8

28...♘f6 29.♖ae1 ♕h5 30.♕f3 ♘g4 31.♖e2±

29.♘f3?!

29.exd7 ♕e2 30.♕f3 ♕xd2=;

29.♖ae1! ♕g6 30.♕f3 ♘f6 31.♘e4±

29...♕g6 30.♖g1

30.♘g5 ♘e5=

30...♗xg1 31.♖xg1 ♕f6 32.♘g5

32.exd7 ♖xg1+ 33.♔xg1 ♕xf4 34.♕c3+ ♔g8=

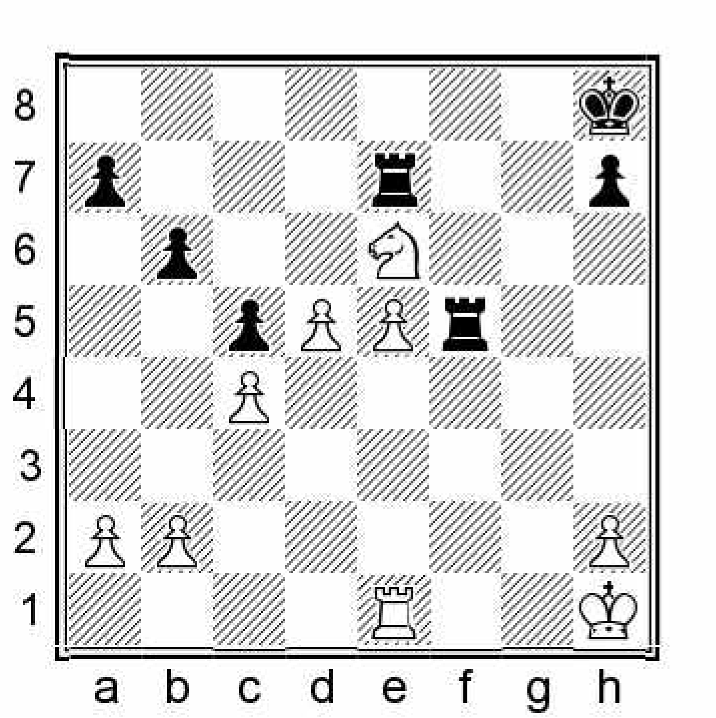
32...♖g7

32...♖g6! 33.♘f7+ (33.exd7 ♕xf4 34.♕c3+ ♔g8; 33.♕e3 ♘f8) 33...♔g7∓

33.exd7 ♖xd7 34.♕e3 ♖e7 35.♘e6 ♖f8 36.♕e5

36.♕g3

36...♕xe5 37.fxe5 ♖f5 38.♖e1



38...h6??

38...♖xe6 It is not so hard to find the only defence but Alekhine missed it. 39.dxe6 ♔g7 40.♔g2 ♔f8 41.♔g3 ♔e7 42.♔g4 ♔xe6=

39.♘d8

39.d6?? ♖xe6 40.d7 ♖f8 41.♖d1 ♖d8

39...♖f2

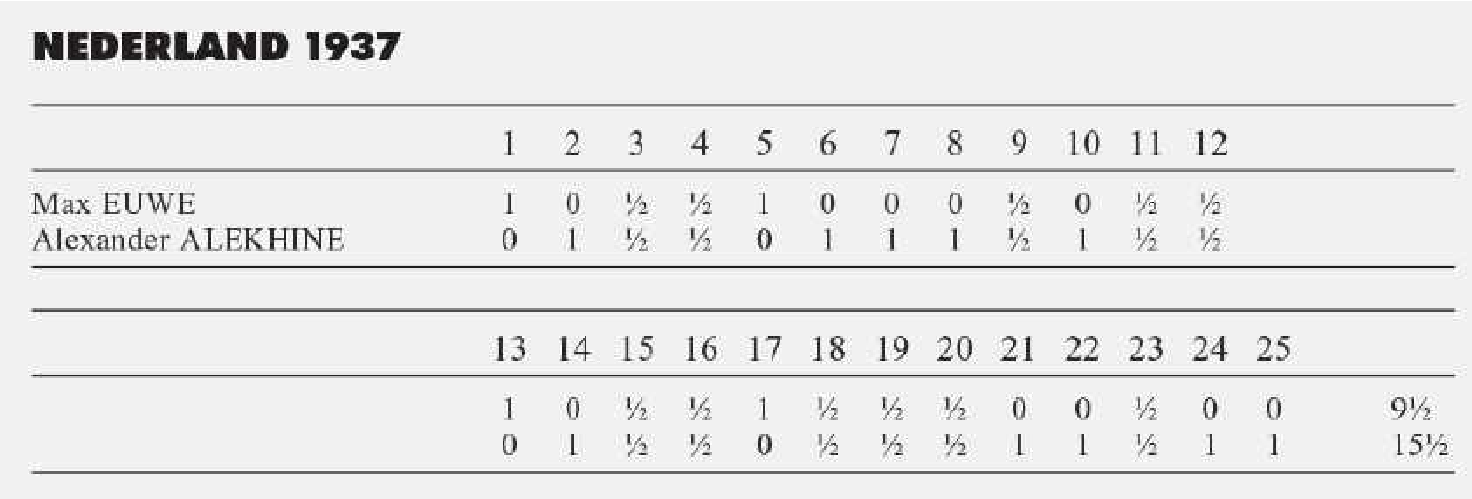
39...♖exe5 40.♖xe5 ♖xe5 41.♘f7++-

40.e6 ♖d2 41.♘c6 ♖e8 42.e7 b5 43.♘d8 ♔g7 44.♘b7 ♔f6 45.♖e6+ ♔g5 46.♘d6 ♖xe7 47.♘e4+ 1-0

Rematch

The 1937 World Chess Championship was played between Max Euwe and Alexander Alekhine in Nederland from October 5 to December 4, 1937. Alekhine regained his title in a rematch. This was the last World Championship where the defending Champion had control of the title and could set match conditions. Alekhine died in 1946 and FIDE stepped in to take control of the World Championship. This was also the last World Championship to take place before the outbreak of World War II. The first player to win six games and score more than 15 points would be champion. Max Euwe was quick to arrange a return match with Alekhine, something Jose Raul Capablanca had been unable to obtain after Alekhine won the title in 1927.

Alekhine regained the title from Euwe in December 1937 by a large margin (+10 -4 =11). In this match Euwe was seconded by Fine and Alekhine by Erich Eliskases. The match was a real contest initially, but Euwe collapsed near the end, losing four of the last five games. Fine attributed the collapse to nervous tension, possibly aggravated by Euwe's attempts to maintain a calm appearance. Alekhine played no more title matches, and thus held the title until his death.



NEDERLAND 1937

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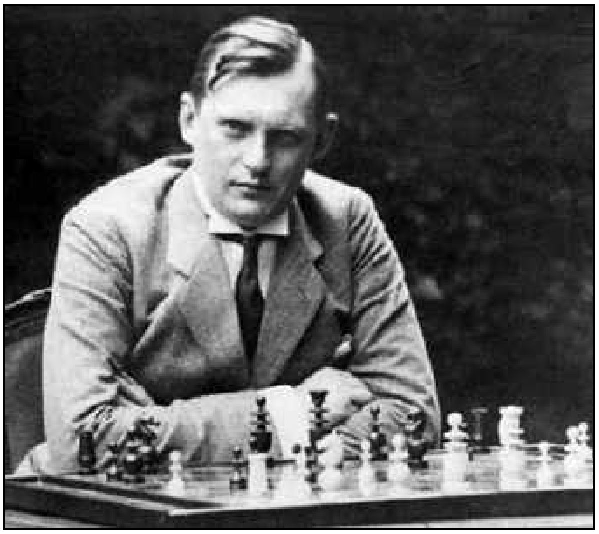
Max EUWE	1	0	½	½	1	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	1	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	0	9½
Alexander ALEKHINE	0	1	½	½	0	1	1	1	½	1	½	½	0	1	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	15½

D17
Alekhine, Alexander - Euwe, Max
Nederland (m/2), 1937

Alexander Alekhine

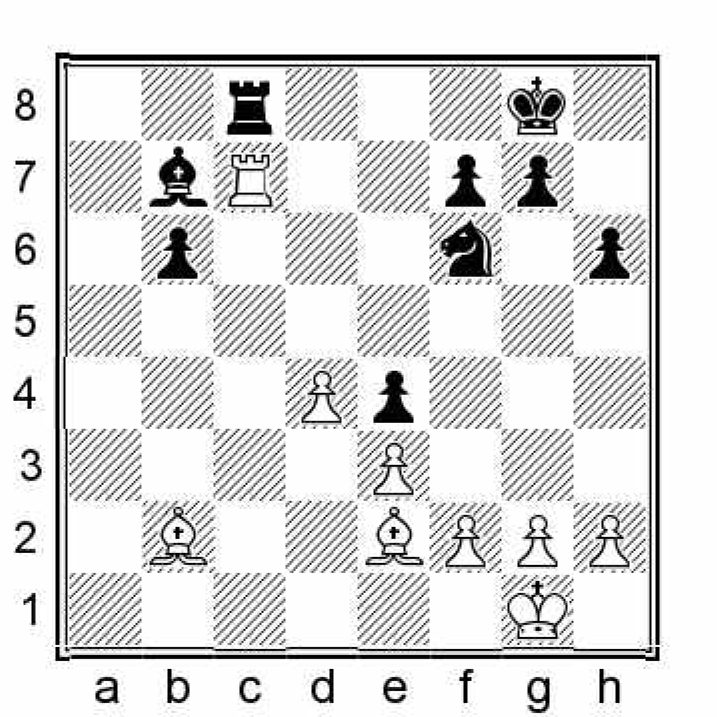


1.d4 Most chess lovers think that Alekhine won the match easily, but the start of the match was very hard-fought and Euwe missed good chances in many games.

1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 Euwe won the first game and it was interesting to see how Alekhine would react to such a bad start.

4.♘c3 dxc4

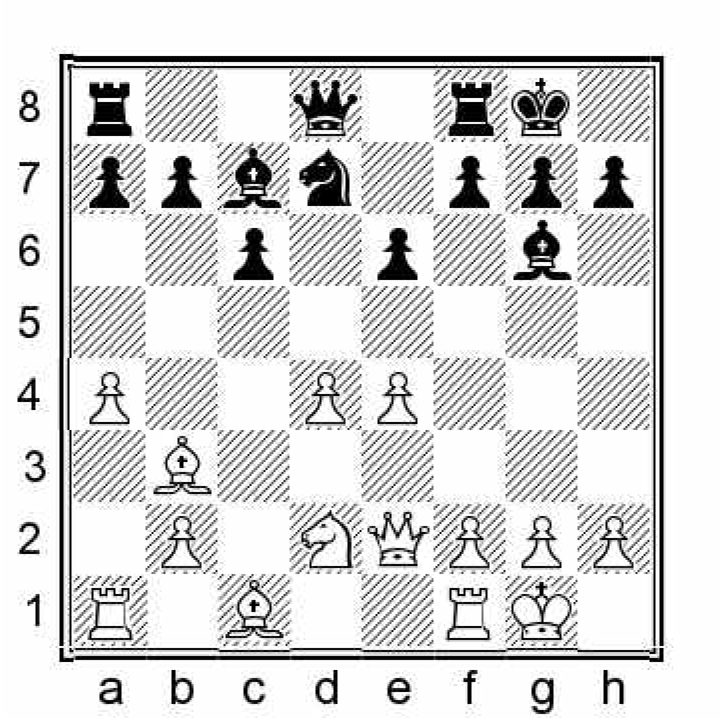
4...e6 In game 3 Euwe also had some edge. 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♗d3 ♗b4 7.O-O O-O 8.a3 ♗xc3 9.bxc3 ♕c7 10.♘d2 e5 11.♗b2 (11.a4 e4 12.♗e2±) 11...e4 12.♗e2 b5 13.cxb5 cxb5 14.a4 bxa4 15.c4 dxc4 16.♘xc4 Pair of bishops and better pawn structure for White secure him a slight plus. 16...♘b6 17.♘xb6 axb6 18.♖xa4 ♗b7 19.♖xa8 ♖xa8 20.♕b1 ♖e8 21.♖c1 ♕d6 22.♕c2 h6 23.♕c7 ♕xc7 24.♖xc7 ♖c8



25.♖xc8+ (25.♖xb7 Here White could easily gain a big advantage after 25...♖c2 26.♗h5 ♘xh5 27.♖xb6 ♘f6 28.h3+-) 25...♗xc8 26.f3 ♗b7 27.♔f2 ♘e8 28.♗a3 ♗d5 29.♗e7 f5 30.fxe4 fxe4 31.♗d8 ♘d6 32.♗xb6 ♘c4 33.♗c7 ♔f7 34.h4 g5 35.♗h5+ (35.hxg5 hxg5 36.♗d8 ♔g6 37.♗g4 ♘d6 38.♗d7 ♔h5 39.♗e7 ♘c4 40.♗b4 ♘b6 41.♗f5 ♘c4 42.g3 ♔h6 43.g4+-) 35...♔e7 36.♗g4 ♗b7 37.♗e5 ♘xe5 38.dxe5 gxh4 39.♔g1 ♗a6 40.♔h2 ♔f7 41.♔h3 ♗f1 42.♗f5 ♔e7 43.♔h2 ♗e2 44.♔h3 ♗f1 45.♗xe4 ♔e6 46.♔xh4 ♔xe5 47.♗f3 ♔f6 48.♔h5 ♔g7 49.e4 ♗d3 50.e5 ♗g6+ 51.♔g4 ♔f7 52.♗d5+ ♔e7 53.♔f4 ♗h7 54.g3 ♔f8 55.♗e4 ♗g8 56.♗f3 ♔e7 57.♔g4 ♔e6 58.♔f4 ♔e7 59.♗g4 ♗b3 60.♗c8 ♔f7 1/2 : 1/2 Euwe,Max - Alekhine,Alexander, Nederland (m/ 3) 1937, D 46

5.a4 ♗f5 6.♘e5

6.e3 In game 7 Euwe also missed a good chance. 6...e6 7.♗xc4 ♘bd7 8.O-O ♗d6 9.♕e2 ♘e4 10.♘xe4 ♗xe4 11.♘d2 ♗g6 12.e4 ♗c7 13.♗b3 (13.♘f3±) 13...O-O



14.♘f3 (14.f4? White is not ready to start the attack as his pieces are not active enough. 14...♘f6 15.♗c2 ♕xd4+ 16.♔h1 ♕b4 17.g4 (17.♖a3 ♖ad8 18.g4∓) 17...♕c5 (17...♖ad8?? 18.f5 exf5 19.exf5 ♖fe8 20.♕g2 ♕xg4 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.♗d1 ♕xg2+ 23.♔xg2 ♖d4 24.♘f3 ♖g4+ 25.♔h3 (Safer is 25.♔h1±) 25...♖d8 26.♗g5 ♖b4 27.♗d2 ♖e4 28.♔g2± (28.♗b3?? ♖e2 29.♗c3 ♖d3 30.♔h4 ♖xf3 31.♖xf3 ♖xh2+ 32.♖h3 g5+ 33.♔xg5 ♖xh3 34.♗d1 ♘e4+ 0 : 1 Euwe,Max - Alekhine,Alexander, Nederland (m/7) 1937, D 19)) 18.♗b1 (18.♗b3 h6-+) 18...♗xf4 19.♖xf4 ♕xc1+-+) 14...e5 15.♖d1 exd4 16.♘xd4=

6...e6 7.♗g5 ♗b4 8.♘xc4 ♕d5 Now the complications are good for Black.

9.♗xf6 ♕xc4 10.♕d2 gxf6

Black could get a serious edge after 10...♕b3! 11.♗xg7 ♖g8 12.♗e5 ♘d7 13.♗g3 ♘b6 14.e3 ♘xa4-+

11.e4 ♕b3 12.exf5 ♘d7 13.fxe6 White is safe.

13...fxe6 14.♗e2 O-O-O 15.O-O e5 16.dxe5 ♘xe5 17.♕c1 ♗xc3 This move gives White the chance to activate his pieces and open the b-file.

17...♘d3 18.♗xd3 ♖xd3=

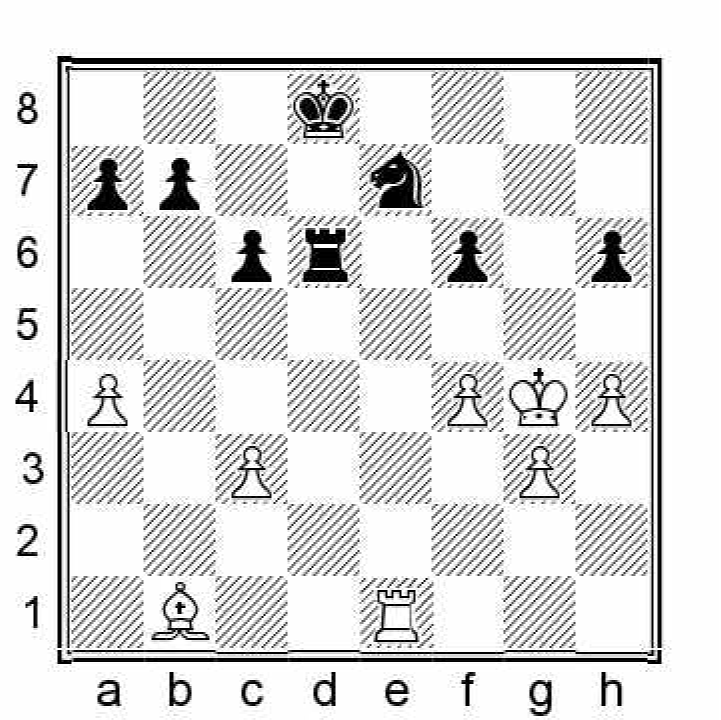
18.bxc3 ♖hg8 19.♕e3 ♔b8 20.g3 ♖d7 21.♖ab1 ♕c2 22.♖fe1 ♕d2 23.♕xd2 ♖xd2 Black should hold this in general, but White can play without any risk.

24.f4 ♘g6 25.♗c4 ♖gd8 26.♖e6 ♖8d6 27.♖be1 ♔c7 28.♖xd6 ♖xd6 29.h4 ♔d7 30.♔f2 ♘e7 31.♔f3 ♘d5

31...f5 32.h5±

32.♗d3 h6 33.♗f5+ ♔d8 34.♔g4 White has an easy plan now and should convert.

34...♘e7 35.♗b1



35...♔e8?

35...♖d5 36.♖e6 h5+ 37.♔h3 ♖c5±

36.♔h5 ♔f7 37.♗a2+ ♔f8 38.♔xh6 ♖d2 39.♗e6 ♖d3 40.g4 ♖xc3 41.g5 1-0

FROM THE CHESS INFORMANT ARCHIVES

By Douglas Griffin

Viktor Gavrikov — Andrei Kharitonov
55th USSR Championship, Moscow 1988

>The 55th USSR Championship took place in Moscow during July and August of 1988. First place was shared by World Champion Garry Kasparov and his great rival and predecessor as world title holder, Anatoly Karpov. One of the most spectacular games in the event was played by grandmaster Viktor Gavrikov and international master (later grandmaster) Andrei Kharitonov – two highly-gifted chessplayers who are sadly no longer with us. Their encounter won a special prize from the magazine *64*, for the "most fighting draw in the event", and the players annotated the game for that publication.

Viktor Gavrikov was born in Moldavia in 1957. He lived for many years in Lithuania, and then, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, in Switzerland and Bulgaria. He gained the grandmaster title in 1984, thanks to victories in international events in Leningrad and Naleczow. He made his debut in the USSR Championship final in 1981, and shared 1st-3rd place in the 52nd Championship (Riga, 1985). Through that result he qualified for the FIDE Interzonal tournament in Tunis, in which he narrowly missed qualifying for the Candidates' tournament. Gavrikov was known for the speed of his play, and also for his exceptional memory, and (at least partly a result) encyclopaedic opening knowledge. Throughout his career he also had a reputation as a gifted trainer. He passed away in 2016, at the age of 58.

Andrei Kharitonov was born in the city of Ivanovo, 250km NE of Moscow, in 1959. He showed early promise as a junior and gained the International Master title at the age of 21, at a time when this was still relatively rare for players from the USSR. As well as the final in 1988, he also qualified for the final of the 51st USSR Championship (Lviv, 1984). In 1987, as well as qualifying for the final of the 55th championship, he shared 1st-3rd place at the international Chigorin Memorial tournament, and also won the championship of the RSFSR (the Russian republic within the USSR). Kharitonov was an extremely solid player with a very fine positional sense together with excellent endgame knowledge and technique. In the volumes of *Chess Informant* one can find well-deserved victories by him over the likes of Vasyl Ivanchuk, John Nunn and Alexei Shirov. Like Gavrikov, he was a highly-respected trainer, and the sense of loss was felt by many when he passed away in 2012 at the age of only 52.

The players met in the penultimate round of the USSR Championship in Moscow. The game was annotated by Kharitonov for volume 46 of *Chess Informant*; use has also been made of the players' annotations for *64* (No. 21, 1988).

D37
Gavrikov, Viktor (2545) - Kharitonov, Andrei V (2550)
USSR (ch) 46/542, 1988

Viktor Gavrikov (Photo via chesspro.ru.)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗e7 A typical choice for Kharitonov; throughout his career he had a liking for the Orthodox Queen's Gambit Declined set-ups.

5.♗f4 O-O 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 8.cxd5 Slightly unusual at that time, though it later became popular.

Earlier in the same tournament, the game Gurevich, Mikhail - Sokolov,Andrei had seen a sensational novelty in the position after the moves 8.♕c2 ♘c6 9.a3 ♕a5. Here, instead of the tried and tested 10. Rd1, White continued 10.O-O-O (!!). After Gurevich's win in that game (Gurevich,Mikhail 2630 - Sokolov,Andrei 2600, USSR 1988 - 46/543), and especially after Speelman's succesful adoption of the move v. Short in the 3rd game of their Candidates' Semi-final match in London a couple of weeks later (Speelman,Jon 2645 - Short,Nigel 2665, London (m/3) 1988 - 46/545), the line became one of the main battlegrounds in the Queen's Gambit Declined.

8...♘xd5 The correct recapture.

9.♘xd5 exd5 10.a3

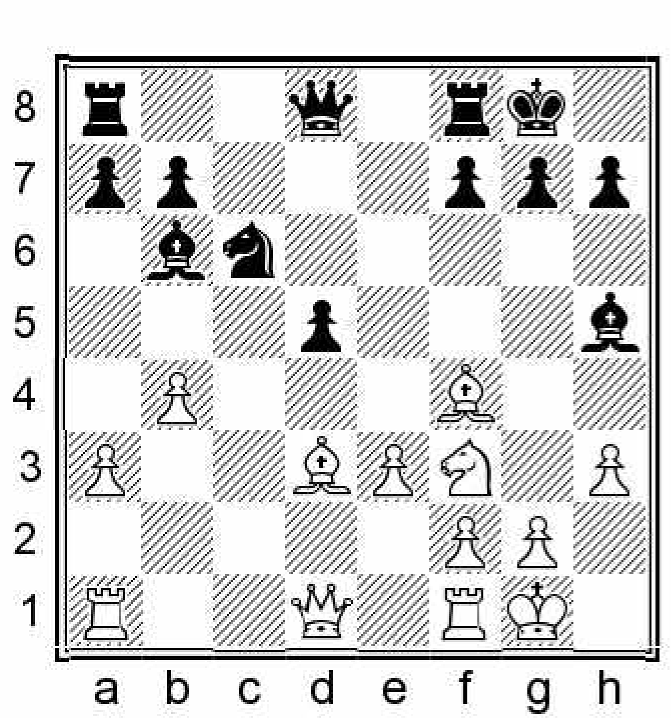
After the developing move 10.♗d3 White of course has to reckon with the check on b4.

10...♘c6 11.♗d3 ♗b6 Sidestepping the threat of 12.Bh7.

12.O-O ♗g4

The alternative 12...d4 has also been seen in many games (among then Gavrikov,Viktor 2542 - Griffin,Douglas 2412, playchess.com (blitz) 2006 (!), which continued 13.e4 ♗g4 14.h3 ♕f6 15.hxg4 ♕xf4 16.♘h2, etc.).

13.h3 ♗h5 14.b4



Here Gavrikov writes: "Black stands worse; this position was known to me. One of my games against Mikhail Gurevich, played three years ago, developed similarly. The main idea is the transfer of the queen's rook along the route Ra1-a2-d2".

14...♖e8

The position was also well known to Kharitonov, who writes: "I had already had this position against Eingorn (USSR Young Masters' Championship, Odessa 1982). There there followed (14...♖e8) 15.g4 ♗g6 16.♗xg6 hxg6 17.♖a2 d4 18.♖d2 ♕d5 and a draw was agreed. After 19.exd4 ♖e4 20.♗e3 ♖ae8 Black has more than sufficient compensation for the pawn."

15.♖a2 d4 "An attempt to rid himself tactically of the weak d-pawn" Gavrikov.

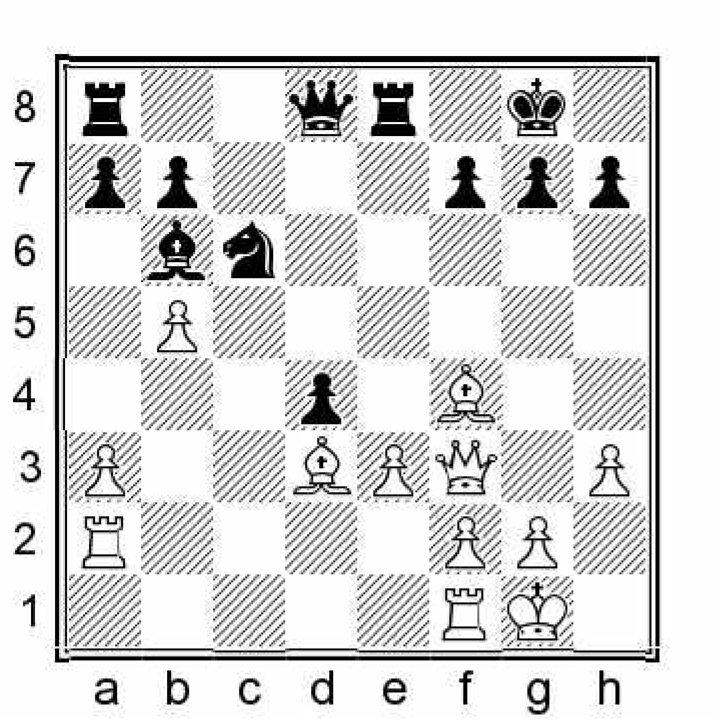
16.b5 Kharitonov: "This move was a surprise for me. Here I thought for a very long time and went in for a forcing variation in which, however, I had committed a serious oversight..."

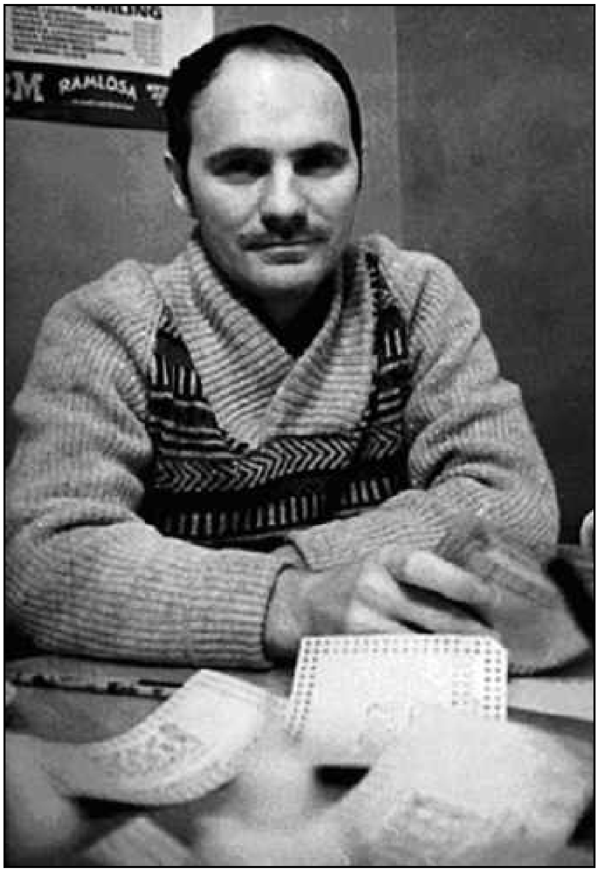
16...♗xf3

Black has several alternatives at this point. Thus, possible is 16...♘a5, for instance: 17.g4 (17.exd4 ♕d5=∞; 17.♖d2 ♕d5 18.g4 ♗g6 19.♗xg6 hxg6 20.♘xd4 ♗xd4 21.♖xd4 ♕xb5) 17...♗g6 18.♗xg6 (18.exd4 ♕d5=∞, as in the above-mentioned game Gavrikov, Viktor 2550 - Gurevich,Mikhail 2435, USSR (ch-playoff) 1985 - see *Chess Informant* vol. 40/506) 18...hxg6 19.♘xd4 ♕d5=∞ Kharitonov

A decade later, in a game v. Volzhin (Koszalin, 1988), Kharitonov would prefer the alternative 16...♘e5 17.♗xe5 ♗xf3 18.♕xf3 ♖xe5 19.exd4 ♕xd4 20.♕xb7 ♖d8=∞ - Volzhin,Alexander 2530 - Kharitonov,Andrei V 2570, Koszalin 1998 - 74/(432).

17.♕xf3




Andrei Kharitonov

17...dxe3?

Black should prefer 17...♘e5, when 18.♗xe5 ♖xe5 transposes to the Volzhin - Kharitonov game given above.

18.bxc6 ♕xd3 19.cxb7 exf2+ 20.♔h2 Kharitonov: "I had not even considered this move! Because in my preliminary calculations it seemed to me that I would mate with the queen on g1."

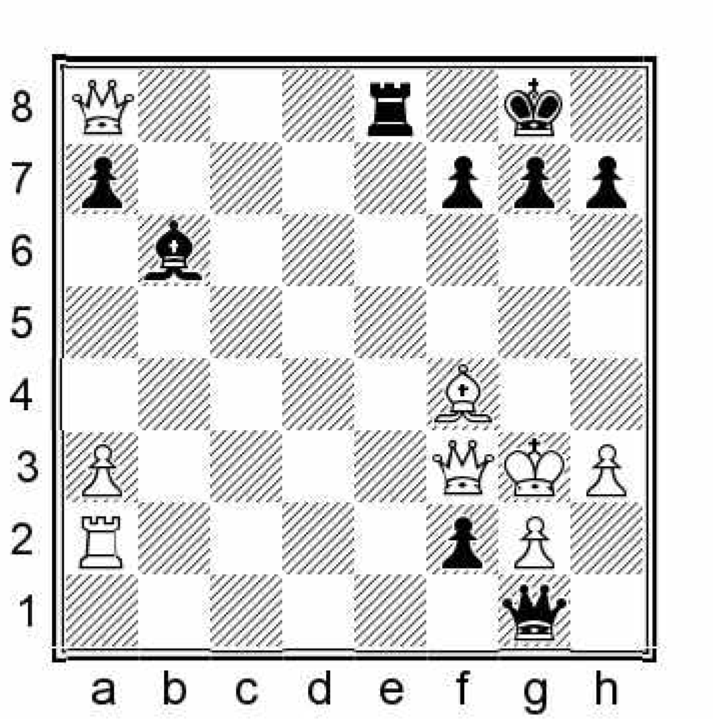
He had instead expected the line 20.♖fxf2 ♕xf3 21.gxf3. But even this is good for White, thus: 21...♖ad8 (Kharitonov analyses 21...♖ab8 to a draw after 22.♗xb8 ♖xb8 and now 23.Rab2, etc., but instead 23.♖c2! wins immediately) 22.♔g2 etc.

20...♕xf1

Gavrikov: "Now after 20...♕xf3 21.gxf3 ♖ad8 (21...♖ab8 22.♗xb8 ♖xb8 23.♖c2) 22.♖b2! Black has no defence against the march of the white a-pawn."

21.bxa8=♕ Kharitonov: "Thus, White has two queens, but it is still possible to fight. Only I had to place on the board a new... knight!"

21...♕g1+ 22.♔g3



22...f1=♘+ 23.♔h4?!

Here, as both players point out, White should have continued 23.♔g4!, thus: 23...h5+ 24.♔xh5 ♖xa8 (24...♕c5+ 25.♕ad5 g6+ 26.♔g4 ♕c8+ 27.♔h4 "and the white king hides from the checks" - Gavrikov) 25.♕xa8+ ♔h7 26.♕d5! "and the black queen and knight are out of play" Kharitonov. As neutrals, we should however be thankful for Gavrikov's choice, as it led to some remarkable situations in the actual game!

23...♗d8+ 24.♕xd8 As Kharitonov says, this looks good enough. Remarkably, it is in fact the only move to avoid defeat!

24.♗g5? leads to a forced win for Black after 24...♗xg5+ 25.♔xg5 (25.♔h5 g6+) 25...♕c5+! and now: 26.♔h4 (26.♕ad5 ♖e5+; 26.♔g4 ♕c4+! 27.♕f4 ♕e6+ followed by ...Ra8) 26...♕e7+ 27.♔g4 ♕e6+ 28.♔f4 g5+! 29.♔xg5 h6+ 30.♔h4 (30.♔h5 ♕g6+) 30...♕e7+!.

White also loses after 24.♔g4?, thus 24...h5+ 25.♔xh5 g6+ 26.♔h6 (26.♔g4 f5#) 26...♕d4 27.♕xd8 ♖xd8 28.♕xf1 (or 28.♖e2 ♕f6, as given by Gavrikov) 28...♖d5! (also possible is 28...♕h8+ 29.♔g5 ♕h5+ 30.♔f6 ♕f5+ 31.♔e7 ♖d7+ 32.♔e8 ♕e6#, as given by Kharitonov.)

24...♖xd8 25.♖f2 Though White is temporarily a pawn down, Black's knight is lost. But as before, the position of the white king allows Black to fight on.

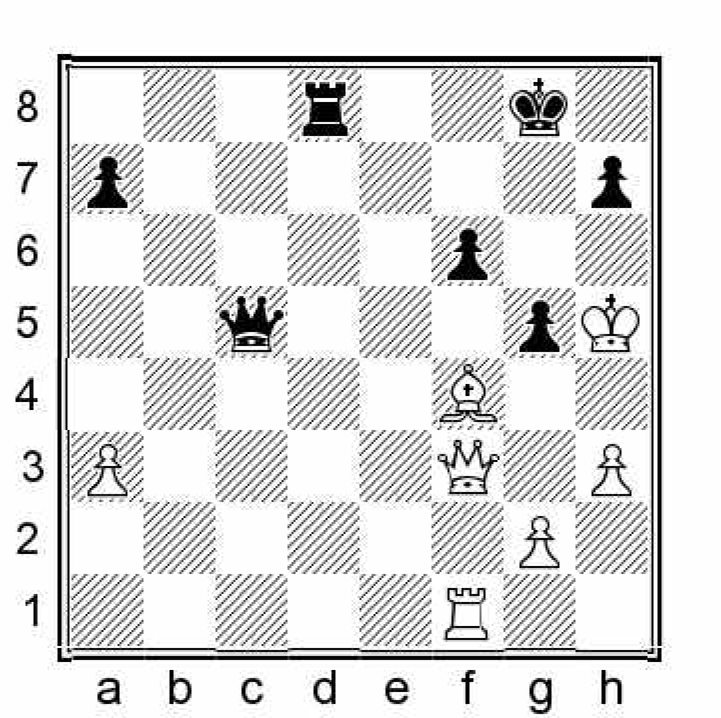
25...f6! 26.♖xf1 g5+ 27.♔h5

On 27.♔g4 ♕d4 Black regains the piece.

As Kharitonov points out, 27.♗xg5 gives Black good drawing chances in the rook endgame after 27...fxg5+ 28.♔xg5 ♕c5+ 29.♔h4 ♖d4+ 30.g4 ♕e7+ 31.♕f6 ♕xf6+ 32.♖xf6 ♖a4.

27...♕c5

Now White's bishop has to move, but White has to be careful; thus (27...♕c5) 28.♗g3?? (or Bh2) would lose after 28...g4+!.



28.♗e3? A mistake, after which a draw becomes likely.

After 28.♗c1! ♕c4 29.♔h6 White stands to win. The difference will become clear.

28...♕c4! With the threat of mate on h4.

If now (28...♕c4) 29.g3??, then 29...♕f7+ 30.♔g4 h5+ 31.♔f5 ♖d5+.

While if (28...♕c4) 29.♕f2, Black forces a draw by perpetual check: 29...♕f7+ 30.♔g4 ♕e6+, etc. White has only one way to play for the win.

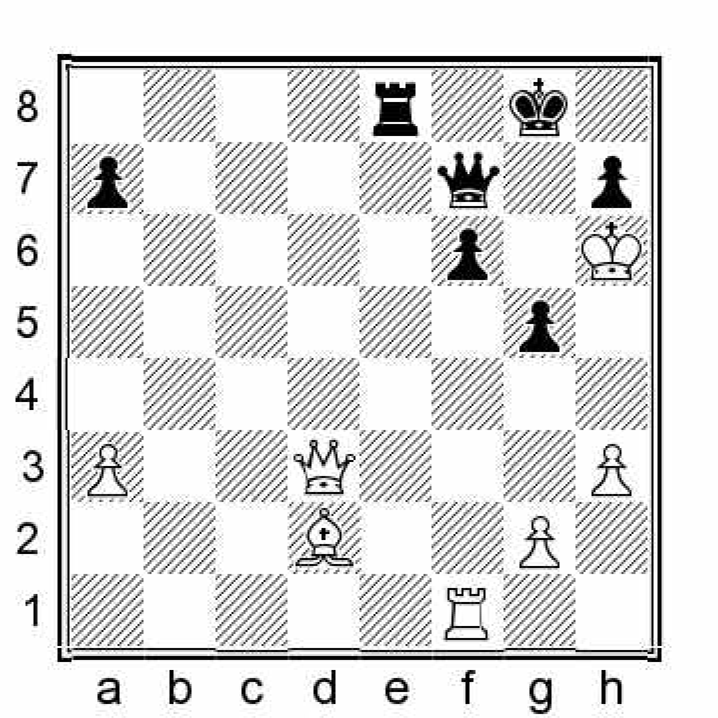
29.♔h6 ♖e8! Now Black threatens 30... Qh4 31.Qh5 Qh5 and 32...Re3 (see the note to White's 28th move).

30.♗d2 On this square the bishop again proves to be exposed to attack.

Gavrikov suggests that White could all the same consider 30.♗c1, but after 30...♕f7 31.♕d3 Black can even try 31...♖e5, intending ...g5-g4! with the threat of mate on g7.

30...♕f7 31.♕d3

Of course, not 31.♕xf6?? ♖e6!



31...♖e2! With two threats: 32...Rd2 and 32...Qf8! 33.Kh5 Qe8! 34.Kg4 (34. Kh6 Re4! and ...Qg6#) Rg2, etc.

32.♕d8+ ♖e8 33.♕d3 ♖e2 34.♕d8+

Here 34.♖b1!? creates the counter-threat of 35.Rb8. But after 34...♕f8+ 35.♔h5 ♕e8+ a draw is all the same forced, since 36.♔g4? loses to 36...♖xg2+ 37.♔f3 ♕a8+! Kharitonov.

34...♖e8 35.♕d3 Agreed drawn. **1/2-1/2**

A terrific battle!

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Douglas Griffin in Central Chess Club, Moscow 2019

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C — 1. e4 e6
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D — 1. d4 d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ⌊ 3... d5

E — 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ⌋ 3... d5

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1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.O-O e5 5.d3 ♘e7 6.c4

6.♘bd2 - 123/5

6...dxc4 7.dxc4 O-O 8.♘c3 ♘bc6 9.♘d5

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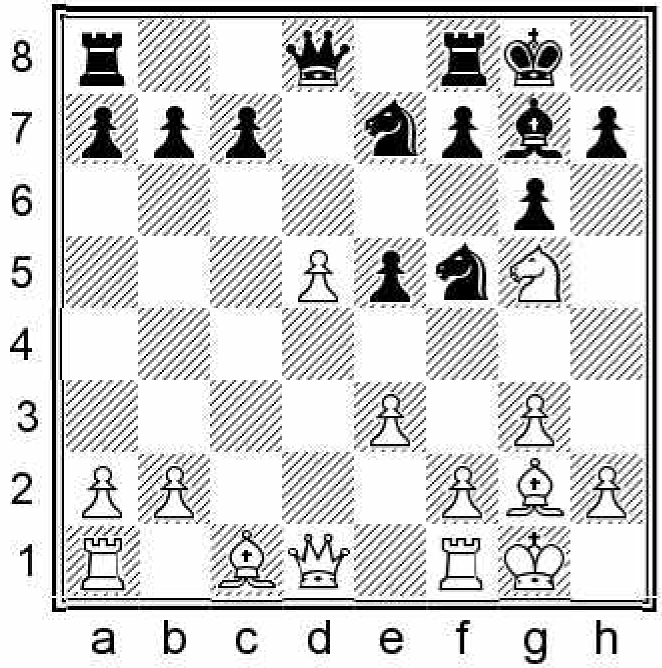
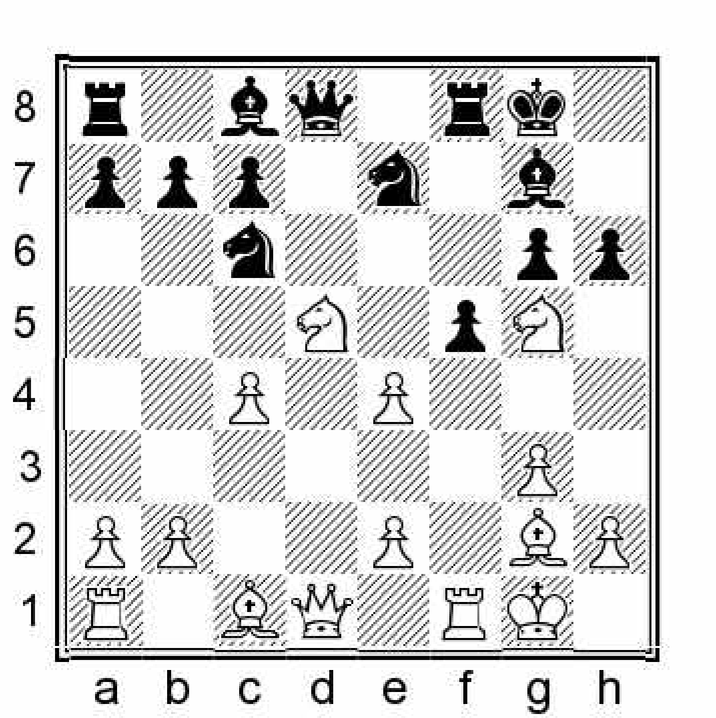


13.f4?! (13.♘e4 ♘d6 14.♘xd6 ♕xd6 15.e4±) 13...exf4 14.gxf4 h6∓ Kosteniuk,A (2516) -Vuppala, P (2417) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/(1) 2022

9...e4!? 10.♘g5 f5 11.f3 h6 12.fxe4!?



12...♘e5! (12...hxg5?! 13.♗xg5 fxe4 14.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 15.♕xd8 ♖xd8 16.♗xe7 ♖e8 17.♗g5 ♗xb2 18.♖ad1→) 13.♘f3 ♘xc4 14.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 15.♘h4 fxe4 16.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 17.♘xg6 ♕c5+∞

10.e4 ♗g4

10...f5 11.exf5 ♘xf5 (11...gxf5?! 12.♘h4 ♗e6 13.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 14.♕c2 ♘c6 15.♗e3±) 12.♖e1 g5 13.h3 ♘d6∞

11.♗e3 ♘d4 12.♗xd4 exd4 13.h3 ♗c8

13...♗d7 14.♖e1 c5 15.♘d2 ♖c8 16.b3 b5 17.♘f4 g5 18.♘d3 ♘g6 19.♖c1±

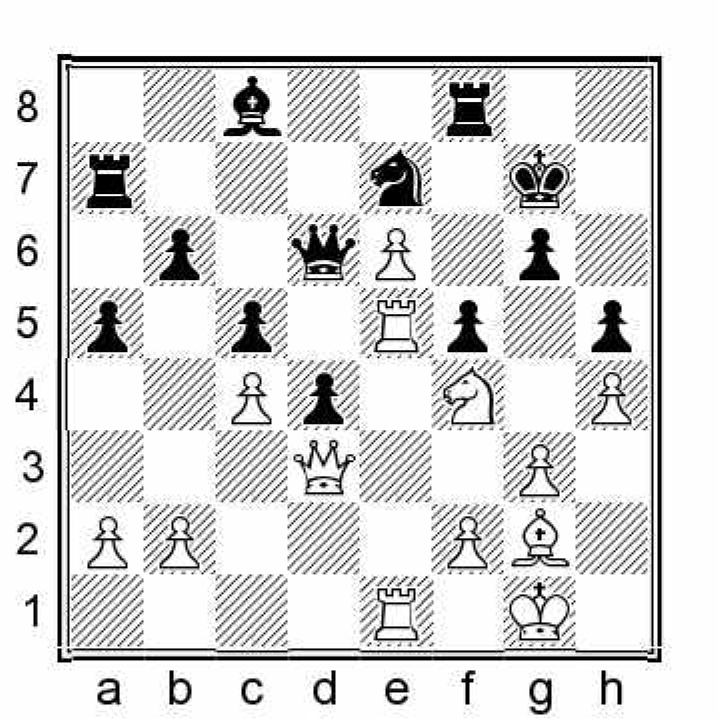
14.♖e1 c6 15.♘f4 a5 16.e5→ c5

16...♘f5 17.c5 a4 18.♗f1±

17.e6 f5

17...g5 18.exf7+ ♖xf7 19.♘d3 ♕c7 20.a4±

18.♘e5± ♗xe5 19.♖xe5 ♕d6 20.♕e2 ♖a7 21.♖e1 b6 22.h4 ♔g7 23.♕d3 h5

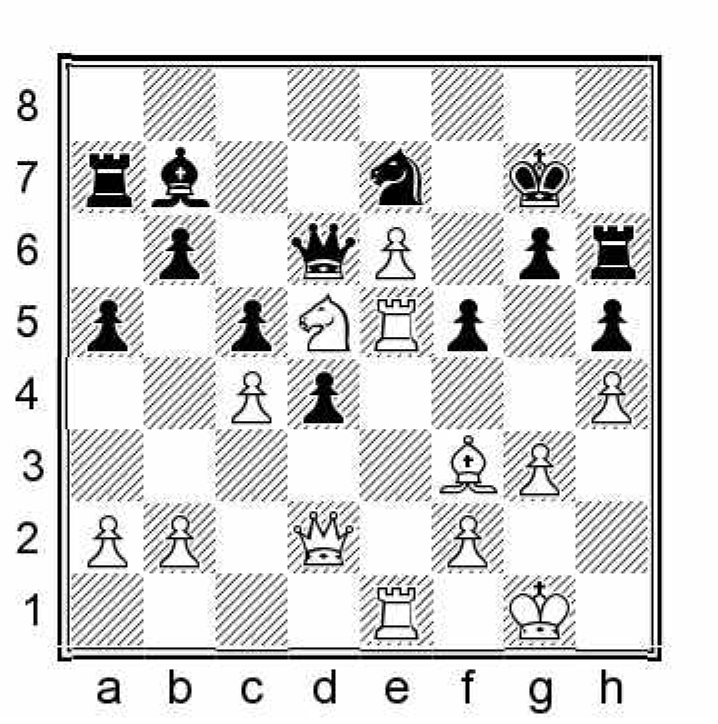


24.♕d2!+-

24.a4!?±

24...♖h8 25.♗f3 ♖h6 26.♘h3

26.♘d5!? ♗b7



27.♘f6! ♕d8 28.♗xb7 ♖xb7 29.♖d5! ♘xd5 30.♘xd5 ♖h8 31.e7 ♕c8 32.♕f4+-

26...♖h8 27.♘g5 ♘c6 28.♗xc6

28.♖d5 ♕b8 29.♖xf5! gxf5 30.♗xc6 ♖e7 31.♘h3 ♖xe6 32.♕g5+ ♔f7 33.♗d5+-

28...♕xc6 29.♘f7 ♖xf7 30.exf7 ♗b7

30...♖f8 31.♕f4 ♖xf7 32.♖d5 ♗b7 33.f3 ♕c7 34.♖d6 ♗xf3 35.♖ee6

31.♖d5 ♖f8 32.♖e7 ♗a8 33.♕e2 ♔h7

33...f4 34.♖e8 ♖xf7 35.♕e5+

34.♖e8 ♖xf7 35.♕e5 ♖g7 36.♕b8 ♕xe8 37.♕xe8 ♗xd5 38.cxd5 d3 39.♔f1 1-0

2. A11
Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2609) - Sethuraman, SP. (2619)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/2, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.e3 ♘f6 3.c4 c6 4.♘c3 e6 5.b3 ♗d6 6.♗b2 e5

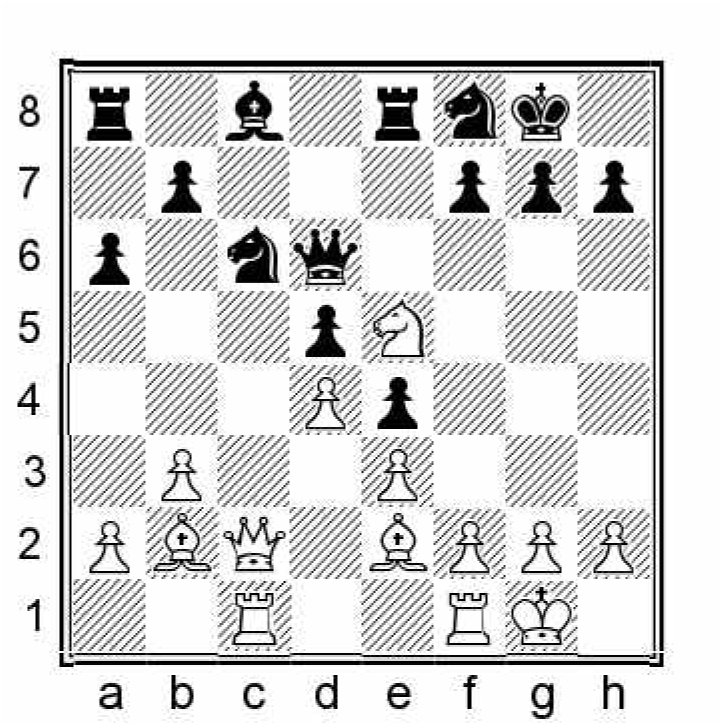
6...O-O - 150/1

7.cxd5 cxd5 8.♘b5 ♘c6 9.♘xd6+ ♕xd6 10.♗b5 ♘d7 11.O-O O-O 12.♖c1 a6N

12...e4

13.♗xc6

13.♗e2 ♖e8 14.♕c2 ♘f8 15.d4 e4 16.♘e5



16...♘e7! 17.♕c5 ♕xc5 18.dxc5 f6 19.♘g4 ♗d7⇄ (19...h5?! 20.♘xf6+ gxf6 21.♗xh5=∞)

13...bxc6 14.♕c2±

14.♘h4!? ♘f6 15.f4! e4 (15...exf4 16.♗xf6 ♕xf6 17.♖xf4 ♕d6 18.♘f3 ♗d7 19.♕c2 f6 20.♕c5±) 16.♗e5 ♕e6 17.♗d4±

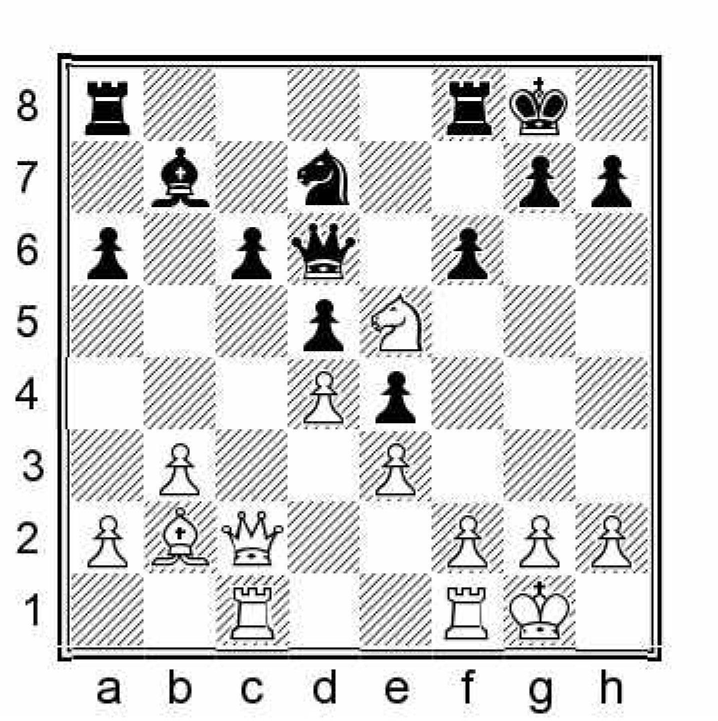
14...♗b7

14...e4 15.♘d4 ♘e5 16.♕c3 (16.♘xc6?! ♘d3 17.♕c3 f6 18.♘d4 ♗g4! (18...♘xc1 19.♖xc1=∞) 19.♖b1 a5! (19...♖ac8 20.♕a5!±) 20.♕c2 ♖ac8 21.♗c3 f5→) 16...f6 17.♕a5 ♖e8 18.♗a3 ♕d7 19.♗c5 ♘d3 20.♖c3±

15.d4

15.♕f5!? f6 16.♘h4 g6 17.♕g4 f5 18.♕g3 ♖ae8 19.f4 e4 20.♕g5→

15...e4 16.♘e5 f6?!



16...♕e6 17.f4 exf3 18.♖xf3 ♘xe5 19.dxe5±

17.♗a3! ♕xa3 18.♘xd7 ♖f7 19.♘c5 ♗c8 20.♕c3 a5 21.♖c2 ♕b4 22.♖fc1 ♖c7 23.a3 ♕b5

23...♕xc3 24.♖xc3±

24.♖b2 ♖b8 25.b4 a4 26.♕c2 ♖a8 27.♕e2 ♗f5 28.♕h5 ♗g6 29.♕g4± ♖e7 30.h4! ♗e8 31.♕f4 ♖d8 32.♖bc2 ♕b8 33.♕xb8 ♖xb8 34.♖c3 ♖a8 35.f3 f5 36.♔f2± g6 37.♔g3 ♔g7 38.♔f4 h6 39.fxe4 fxe4 40.g4 ♗d7

40...♔f8 41.♔g3 ♖f7 42.♘e6+ ♔e7 43.♘f4 ♖f6 44.g5 hxg5 45.hxg5 ♖f5 46.♔h4±

41.♘xd7 ♖xd7 42.♖xc6+- ♖f8+ 43.♔e5 ♖f3 44.♖c7 ♖df7

44...♖xc7 45.♖xc7+ ♔g8 46.b5 ♖xe3 47.b6 ♖b3 48.b7

45.♖1c3 ♖g3 46.b5 ♖xg4 47.b6 ♖g1 48.♖xf7+ ♔xf7 49.♖c7+ 1-0

3. A11
Pantsulaia, Levan (2579) - Petriashvili, Nikoloz (2418)

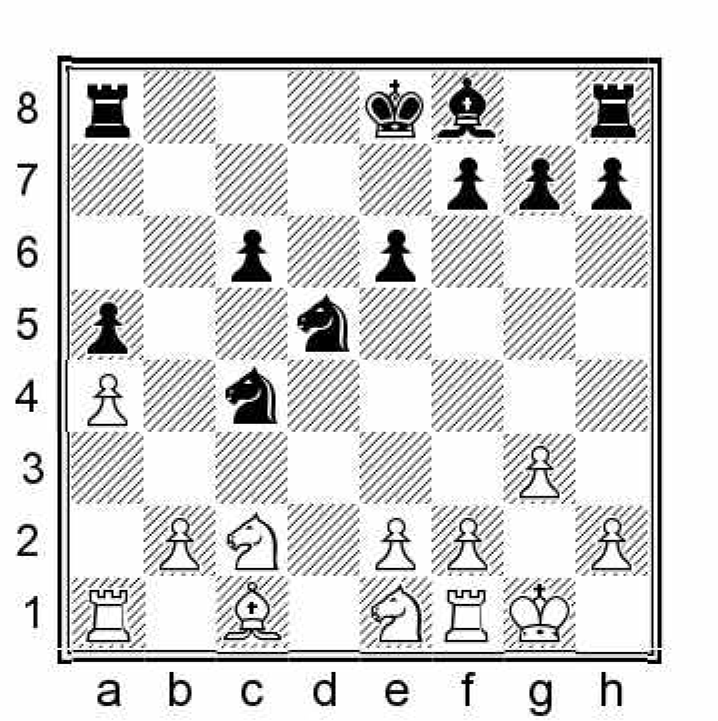
1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 dxc4 5.O-O ♘bd7 6.♕c2 ♘b6 7.a4 a5 8.♘a3 ♕d5 9.♘e1 ♗f5

9...♕h5 - 105/4

10.♗xd5 ♗xc2 11.♗xc6+ bxc6 12.♘axc2 e6 13.d3 ♘fd5N

13...♗d6

14.dxc4± ♘xc4



15.b3

15.♘d3!? ♗e7 16.b3 ♘d6 17.♗b2 O-O 18.♘d4 ♖fb8 19.♗a3 ♘f5 20.♘xf5 exf5 21.♗xe7 ♘xe7 22.♖ab1 ♖a7 23.♖fc1±

15...♘d6 16.♘d3 ♘e4

⌓16...f6 17.f3! e5 18.e4 ♘c7 19.♗e3 ♘e6 20.♖fc1±

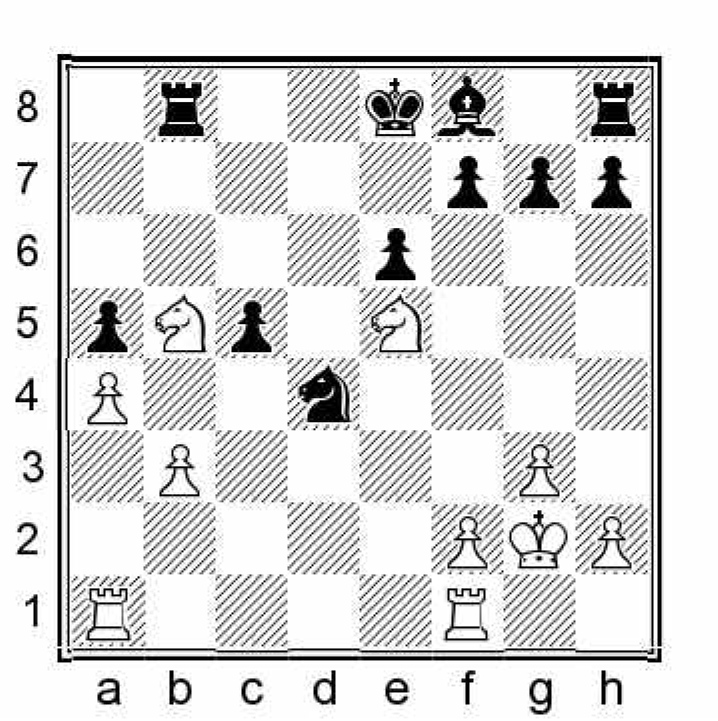
17.♘d4± ♘ec3 18.♗b2?!

18.♖e1! c5 19.♘b5 ♘xb5 20.axb5 ♗d6 21.e4 ♘b4 22.♘xb4 cxb4 23.♗e3 ♔e7 24.♖ed1 ♖hc8 25.b6±

18...c5 19.♗xc3

19.♘b5 ♘xe2+ 20.♔g2 ♘d4 21.♗xd4 cxd4 22.♘xd4 ♗d6 23.♖fc1 O-O=

19...♘xc3 20.♘b5 ♘xe2+ 21.♔g2 ♖b8 22.♘e5 ♘d4



23.♖fd1!

23.♖ad1 f6 24.♘c4 ♘xb5 25.axb5 ♖xb5=

23...f6

23...♘xb5? 24.♘c6! ♖c8 25.axb5+-

24.♘xd4

24.♘c4 e5 (24...♘xb5 25.axb5 ♖xb5 26.♘xa5±) 25.f4±

24...cxd4 25.♘c6 ♖xb3?!

25...♖c8! 26.♘xa5 ♗b4 27.♘c4 ♔e7⇄

26.♖xd4 ♖c3 27.♖d8++- ♔f7 28.♖c8 ♖c5

28...♗b4 29.♘e5+! fxe5 30.♖xh8 h6 31.♖a2

29.♖b1 e5 30.♖b5 ♖g8 31.♖xf8+ 1-0

4. A11
Ding, Liren (2799) - Le, Quang Liem (2709)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/4, 2022

1.g3 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 c6 4.c4 ♗g4 5.♘e5 ♗e6 6.cxd5 ♗xd5 7.♘f3 c5 8.O-O e6 9.♘c3

9.a3 - 76/(8)

9...♗c6 10.♖e1!? ♗e7 11.e4 O-O 12.d4 cxd4 13.♘xd4 ♘a6?!N

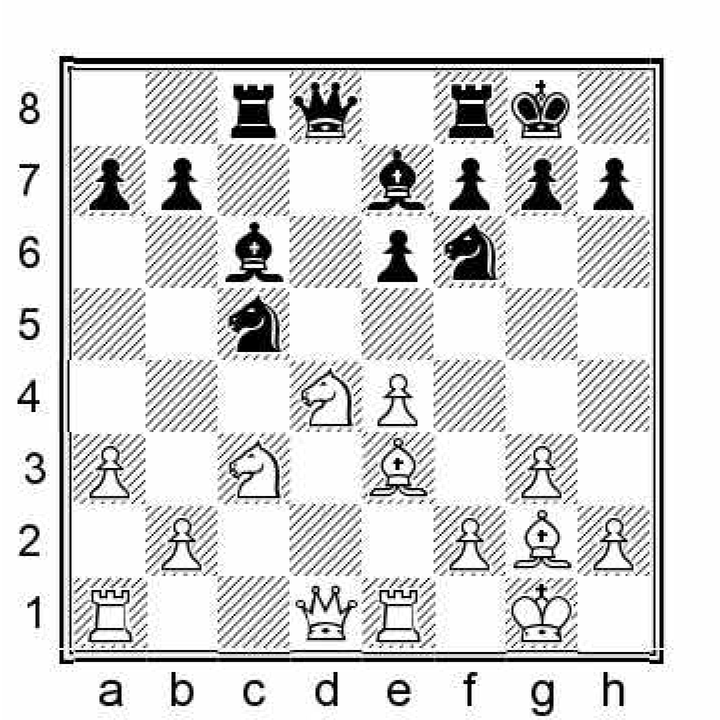
13...♗c5

14.a3! ♖c8

14...♕b6 15.♘xc6 bxc6 16.♘a4 ♕b5 17.♗f1 ♕b7 18.♕c2 ♖ac8 19.b4 c5 20.♕c4! ♘b8 21.♘xc5±

15.b4

15.♗e3!? ♘c5



16.b4! ♘cxe4 17.♘xc6 ♘xc3 18.♘xd8 ♘xd1 19.♘xe6 ♘xe3 20.♘xf8 ♘c2 21.♖ac1 ♗xf8 22.♖e2 ♘d4 23.♖xc8 ♘xe2+ 24.♔f1 ♘d4 25.♗xb7±

15...♘c7 16.♗b2

16.♗f4 ♗d7 17.♕d2 a6 18.♖ed1 ♕e8 19.♖ac1±

16...♗e8

16...e5 17.♘xc6 bxc6 18.♗h3! ♖b8 19.♘a4 ♘b5 20.♗xe5 ♕xd1 21.♖axd1+-

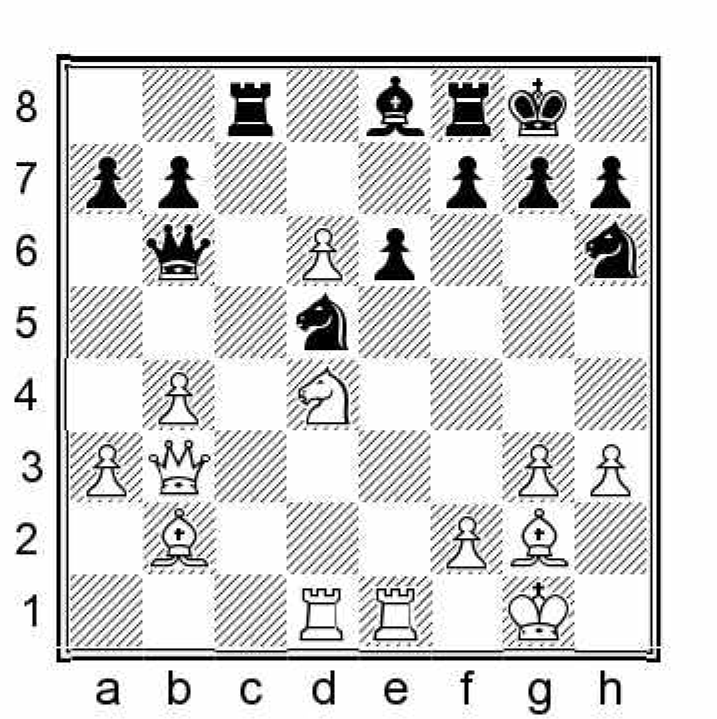
17.♕b3 ♘a8 18.♖ad1 ♕b6

18...♘d7 19.e5 ♕b6 20.♘cb5! a5 21.♘d6±

19.e5 ♘g4 20.h3 ♘h6

20...♘xf2 21.♔xf2 ♖d8 22.♘a4 ♗xa4 23.♕xa4 f6 24.♔g1 fxe5 25.♖xe5 ♗f6 26.♖c5 ♕d6 27.♕b3 ♔h8 28.♔h2+-

21.♘e4 ♘c7 22.♘d6 ♗xd6 23.exd6 ♘d5



24.♘xe6!+-

24.g4! ♕xd6 25.g5 ♕f4 26.gxh6 ♕xh6 27.♘xe6! fxe6 28.♖xe6 ♕f4 29.♗xd5+-

24...fxe6 25.♗d4 ♕xd6

25...♕a6 26.♖xe6

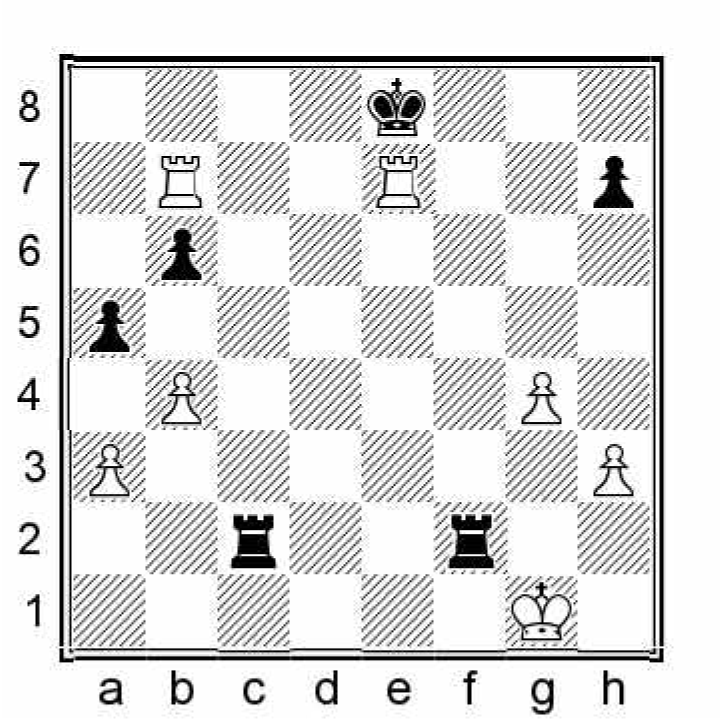
26.♖xe6 ♗a4 27.♖xd6 ♗xb3 28.♗xd5+ ♗xd5 29.♖xd5 b6 30.♖d7

30.g4 ♖f3 31.♖d7

30...♘f5 31.g4?

31.♗e5+-

31...♘xd4 32.♖1xd4 a5 33.♖b7 ♖c2 34.♖dd7 ♖fxf2 35.♖xg7+ ♔f8 36.♖gd7 ♔e8 37.♖e7+



37...♔d8?

37...♔f8! 38.♖ed7 ♔e8 39.♖e7+ ♔f8 40.♖ec7 ♖g2+=

38.♖bd7++- ♔c8 39.♖c7+! ♔d8 40.♖xc2 ♖xc2 41.♖xh7 ♖a2 42.bxa5 bxa5 43.♖a7 ♖xa3 44.♔g2 a4 45.h4 ♔e8 46.h5 ♖a2+ 47.♔g3 ♖a1 48.h6 ♖h1 49.h7 ♔f8 50.g5 a3 51.g6 1-0

5. A13
Aronian, Levon (2785) - Robson, Ray (2681)
Saint Louis (m/1) 152/5, 2022

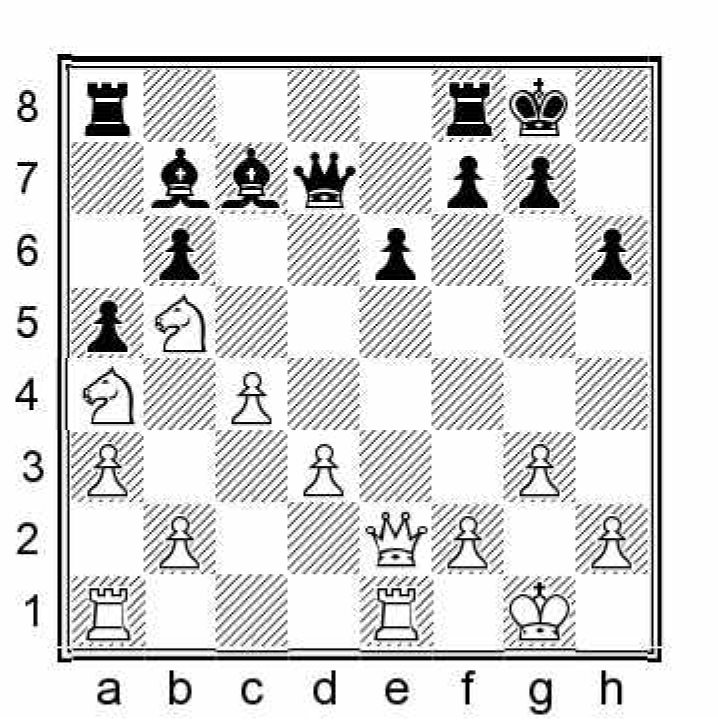
1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.♗g2 d4 4.♘f3 c5 5.O-O ♘c6 6.e3 ♘f6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 ♗d6 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗xf6 ♕xf6 11.♘bd2 ♕e7 12.♖e1

12.a3 - 142/5

12...O-O 13.♘b3 ♕f6 14.♘fd2 ♗c7 15.a3 a5 16.♘c5 ♕e7 17.♘a4 ♗d7 18.♘b3 b6N

18...♖fd8; 18...♖fb8!? 19.♖c1 ♘e5 20.♘ac5 ♗c6 21.f4 ♗xg2 22.♔xg2 ♘g6⇄

19.♗xc6 ♗xc6 20.♘xd4 ♗b7 21.♘b5 ♕d7 22.♕e2



22.d4 ♕c6 23.d5 ♕xc4 24.♘xc7 ♕xc7 25.♖c1 ♕d8 26.dxe6 fxe6 27.f4 ♗d5 28.♕d3 ♖b8 29.♘c3 ♗b3 30.♕e3 b5=

22...♖ad8

22...♗d8!? 23.f3 (23.d4 ♕c6 24.f3 ♕xf3 25.♕xf3 ♗xf3 26.♔f2 ♗c6 27.♖ad1 ♖b8 28.♘ac3 ♗f6⇄) 23...♗c6 24.♘ac3 ♗f6=∞

23.d4± ♕c6 24.f3 ♖d7 25.♔g2 ♗d8

25...g5 26.h3 h5 27.♘ac3 g4 28.d5 gxf3+ 29.♕xf3 ♕xc4 30.♖ad1 ♗d8 31.♖e4 ♕b3 32.♕xh5↑

26.♘ac3 ♗f6 27.♖ad1 ♕c8

27...♖fd8 28.d5 exd5 29.♘xd5 ♔h8 30.a4 g6 31.♘bc3 ♗g7 32.h4±

28.d5 ♗xc3 29.♘xc3 exd5 30.♘xd5

30.cxd5!? ♕c5 31.♘e4 ♕c7 32.♕b5 ♖fd8 33.♘c3 ♕c8 34.♖e4 ♖d6 35.♖ed4 ♗a6 36.♕a4 ♗b7 37.♕b3 ♕d7 38.♖1d2±

30...♗xd5 31.♖xd5 ♖fd8 32.♕e4± b5?!

32...♖xd5 33.cxd5 ♖d6 34.♖e2 ♕d7 35.♖d2 g6 36.h4±

33.♖xd7 ♕xd7 34.c5 b4

34...g6 35.♖e2 ♕d1 36.b4 axb4 37.axb4 ♖d2 38.♖xd2 ♕xd2+ 39.♔h3 ♕d7+ 40.g4 ♕d1 41.♕e3 ♕f1+ 42.♔g3 ♕c4 43.♕e4

35.axb4 axb4 36.♕xb4 ♕d2+ 37.♕xd2 ♖xd2+ 38.♔h3 ♖xb2 39.♖c1+- ♔f8

39...♖b7 40.c6 ♖c7 41.♔g4 ♔f8 42.♔f5 ♔e7 43.♔e5

40.c6 ♖b8 41.♔g4 ♔e7 42.c7 ♖c8 43.♔h5 ♔f6

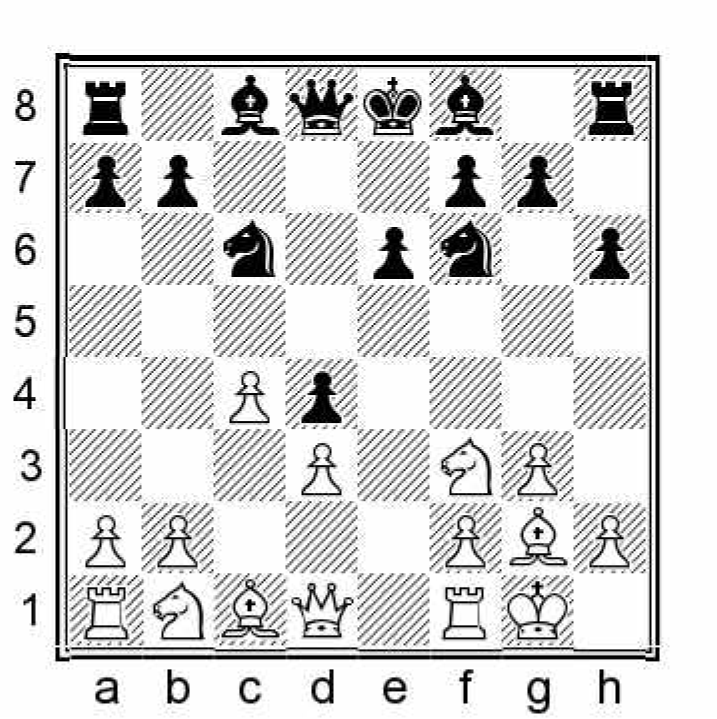
43...♔d7 44.f4 ♖xc7 45.♖xc7+ ♔xc7 46.f5 ♔d6 47.f6 gxf6 48.♔xh6 ♔e5 49.h4 f5 50.♔g5

44.♖c6+ ♔e5 45.f4+ ♔d5 46.♖c1 ♔d6 47.f5 ♔e5 48.g4 ♔f6 49.♖c6+ ♔e7 50.f6+ ♔d7 51.♖c2 gxf6 52.♔xh6 1-0

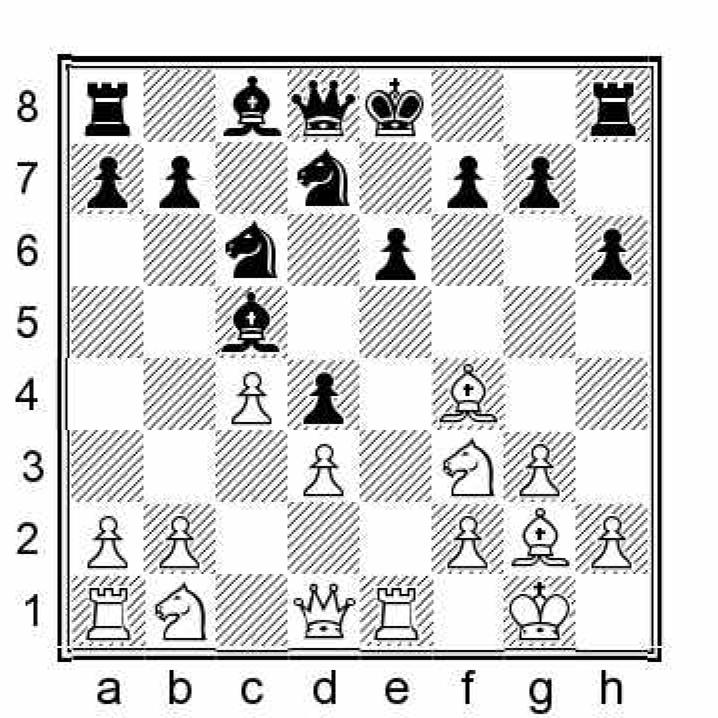
6. * A13
Barbosa, Oliver (2505) - Guo, Arthur (2432)
New York 152/6, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 e6 3.♗g2 d5 4.O-O c5 5.c4 d4 6.e3 ♘c6 7.exd4

7.d3 h6 8.exd4 cxd4



9.♗f4!? (9.♖e1 - 141/6) 9...♘d7 10.♖e1 ♗c5



11.♘a3N (11.♘bd2) 11...a6 12.♘c2 O-O 13.a3 a5 14.b3 ♖e8 15.♗d2 e5 16.b4⩲ Ding,L (2799)-Anton Guijarro,D (2694) chess24.com (Int. -rapid) 152/(6) 2022

7...cxd4 8.♖e1 ♗d6 9.d3 h6 10.b3

10.♘a3 - 151/7

10...O-O 11.♗a3 e5 12.b4 ♖e8 13.b5 ♘a5N

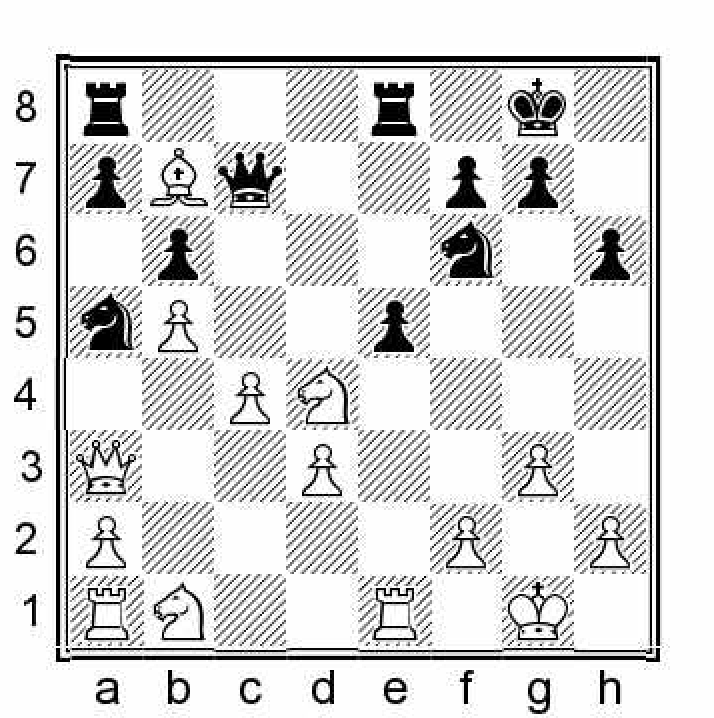
13...♘b8 14.c5 ♗c7 15.♘bd2 ♘d5 16.♘c4 ♘c3 17.♕b3 ♘d7 18.♘fd2±

14.♗xd6 ♕xd6 15.♕a4?!

15.♕d2!? b6 (15...♕c7 16.♖xe5 ♖xe5 17.♘xe5 a6 18.♕b4) 16.♖xe5 ♖xe5 17.♘xe5 ♗b7 18.♘f3! (18.♗xb7 ♘xb7 19.♘c6 ♖e8 20.a4 ♘c5⩲) 18...a6 19.bxa6 ♖xa6 20.♕b2 ♘c6 21.♘bd2 ♘d7 22.♘e4⩲; 15.♘bd2 a6 16.a4 ♗f5 17.♕e2 ♘d7 18.♘h4⩲

15...b6 16.♕a3 ♕b8

16...♕c7! 17.♘xd4 ♗b7 18.♗xb7



18...exd4! (18...♘xb7 19.♘c6±) 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 20.♗f3 ♖e1+ 21.♔g2 g5 22.h3 h5⩱

17.♘bd2 ♗b7 18.♖e2

18.c5! ♗d5 19.♖ac1±

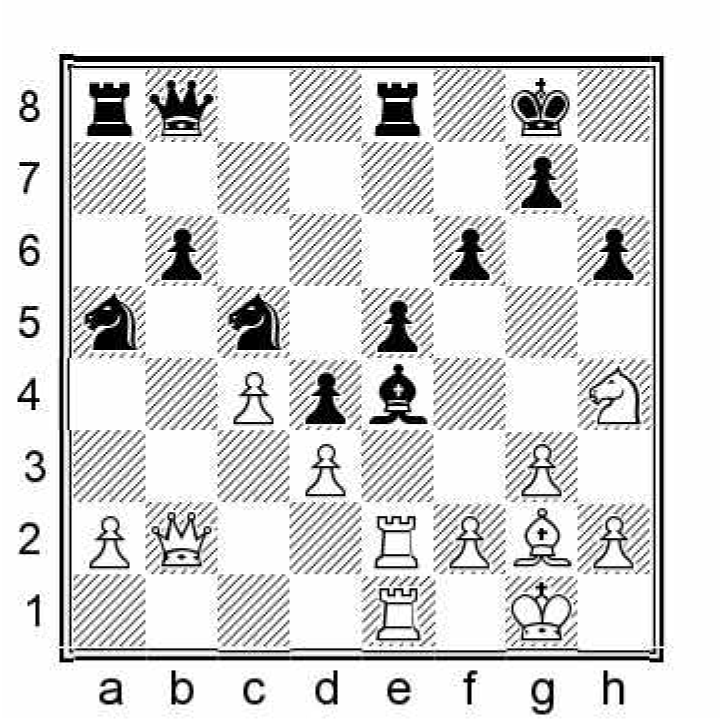
18...a6 19.♕b2 axb5 20.♕xb5

20.cxb5 ♘d7 21.♖ae1 ♕c7 22.♘xd4 ♗xg2 23.♔xg2 ♘c5∞

20...♗c6 21.♕b2 ♘d7 22.♖ae1 f6 23.♘e4 ♘c5

23...♕c7!? 24.♘h4 ♘c5⇄

24.♘h4 ♗xe4



25.♖xe4!

25.♗xe4 ♘xe4 26.♖xe4 ♘b7! 27.♕xb6 ♘d6 28.♕xb8 ♖exb8 29.♖4e2 g5 30.♘f3 ♔f7 31.♔g2 ♖a3↑

25...♘xd3?!

25...♘xe4 26.♗xe4 ♘b7 27.f4=∞

26.♕b1 ♘xe1 27.♖xe1→ e4

27...♖d8 28.♕g6 d3 29.♗h3 d2 30.♖d1 ♘c6 31.♗e6+ ♔h8 32.♗f5→

28.♗xe4 ♖xe4 29.♕xe4+- ♕d8 30.♕g6 ♕f8 31.♘f5 ♘c6 32.♘xh6+ ♔h8 33.♘f7+ ♔g8 34.♘h6+ ♔h8 35.♘f7+ ♔g8 36.♘g5! fxg5 37.♕xc6 ♖d8 38.♕xb6 d3 39.♖d1 ♔h8

39...d2 40.c5 ♕e8 41.♕b3+ ♔h8 42.♕e3

40.♕e3 ♕f5 41.c5 ♕g6 42.c6 ♖e8 43.♕xd3 ♕xc6 44.♕d5 ♕f6 45.♔g2 ♖f8 46.♖d2 ♔h7 47.a4 ♖e8 48.♕f3 ♕e6 49.♖d5 ♕c6 50.a5 ♖f8 51.♖f5 1-0

7. A13
Gumularz, Szymon (2534) - Socko, Bartosz (2636)
Polska (m/2-rapid) 152/7, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 dxc4 5.♕a4+ ♘bd7 6.♕xc4 a6 7.♕c2 c5 8.♘c3 ♖a7 9.d4

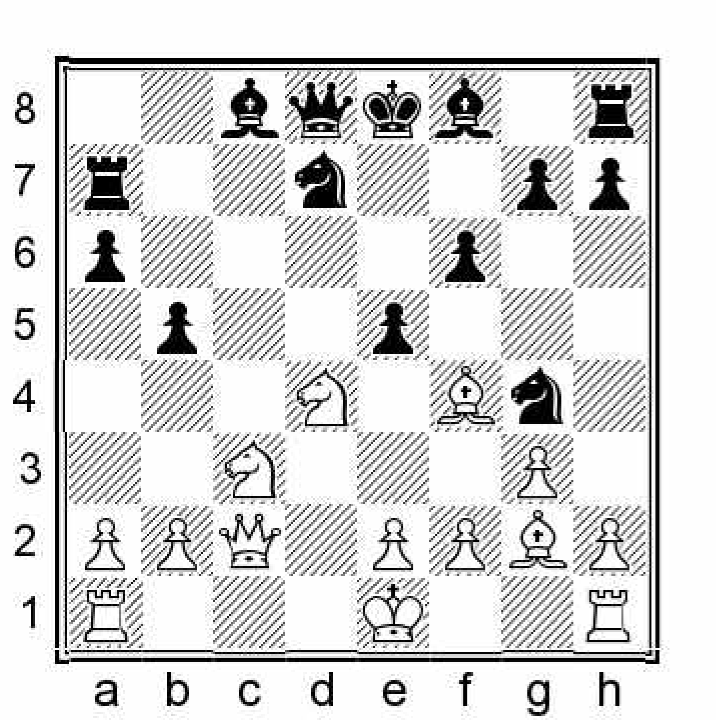
9.O-O - 64/(12)

9...b5N

9...b6 - 106/275, E 03

10.O-O

10.♗e3!? ♘g4 (10...♖c7 11.♗f4 ♖a7 12.O-O) 11.♗g5 f6 (11...♕b6 12.h3 ♘gf6 13.O-O ♗b7 14.e4! cxd4 15.♘xd4± Δ♕xd4? 16.♗e3+-) 12.♗f4 cxd4 13.♘xd4 e5



14.♘d5! (14.♘c6 ♕b6! 15.♘xa7 ♕xf2+ 16.♔d2 ♕xa7 17.♘xb5 axb5 18.♕xc8+ ♔f7! (18...♔e7 19.h3 ♕d4+ 20.♔c2 ♘f2 21.♖hd1 ♘xd1 22.♖xd1 ♕c5+ 23.♕xc5+ ♘xc5 24.♗e3+-) 19.♗d5+ ♔e7∞) 14...exd4 15.♗c7 ♗b4+ 16.♔f1 ♖xc7 17.♘xc7+ ♔f7 18.♕b3+ ♔g6 19.♘e6±

10...♗b7 11.♗e3! ♘g4 12.♗g5 ♗e7

12...♕a8 13.d5! exd5 14.e4 (14.♕f5 ♘gf6 15.e4 dxe4 16.♖ad1 ♗c6 17.♗xf6 ♘xf6 18.♘e5±) 14...d4 15.♘d5 ♗xd5 16.exd5 ♕xd5 17.♖fe1++-

13.♗xe7 ♕xe7 14.a4

14.♘e4!? cxd4 15.♘xd4 O-O 16.♖ac1 ♘de5 17.b3 ♖d8 18.e3±

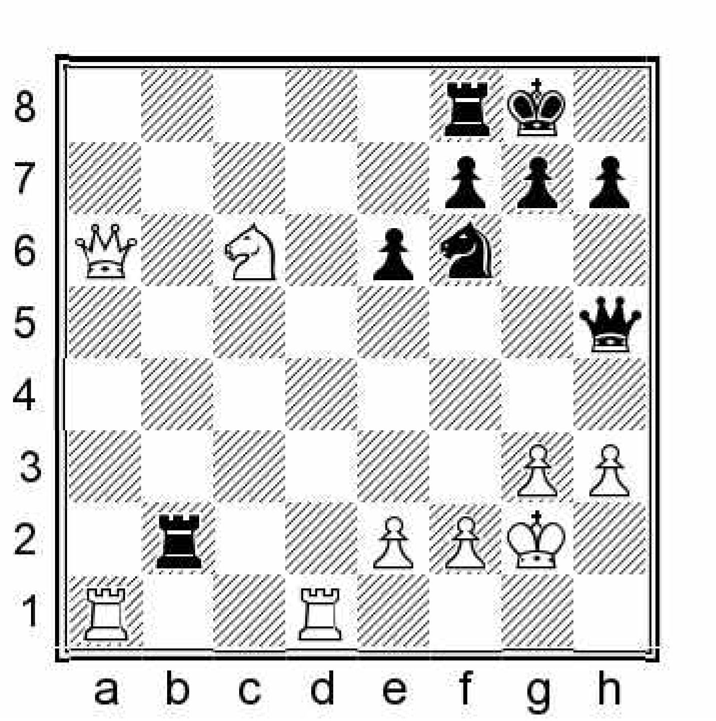
14...cxd4

14...b4 15.♘e4 b3 16.♕b1 O-O 17.♘xc5 ♘xc5 18.dxc5 ♕xc5 19.♕d3±

15.♘xd4 ♗xg2 16.♔xg2 ♕c5 17.♖fd1 bxa4 18.♕xa4 O-O 19.♘e4 ♕h5

⌓19...♕b6 20.♖d3 ♘ge5 21.♖b3±

20.h3 ♘gf6 21.♘c6 ♖b7 22.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 23.♕xa6 ♖xb2



23...♕b5 24.♕xb5 ♖xb5 25.b4 g6 26.♖a7 ♘d5 27.♖d4+-

24.♕a3!+- ♖bb8

24...♕b5 25.♕xf8+!

25.♘xb8 ♖xb8 26.♕a8 ♖e8 27.♖d8 ♔f8 28.♕a3+ ♔g8 29.♖ad1

29.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 30.♕e7 ♕d5+ 31.♔g1 ♕c6 32.♖a7 ♘d6 33.♖d7

29...♕b5 30.♕e7! h5 31.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 32.♖d8 ♕c6+ 33.♔h2 1-0

8. A14
Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2758) - Hakobyan, Aram (2612)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/8, 2022

1.g3 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.O-O ♗e7 5.b3 c5 6.♗b2 ♘c6 7.e3 O-O 8.c4 d4 9.exd4 cxd4 10.♖e1 ♗c5 11.d3 ♘d7

11...♖e8 - 129/(6)

12.♘a3 e5 13.♘c2 ♖e8 14.a3 a5 15.♕d2N

15.♖b1

15...♕b6 16.♖ab1!± ♗e7

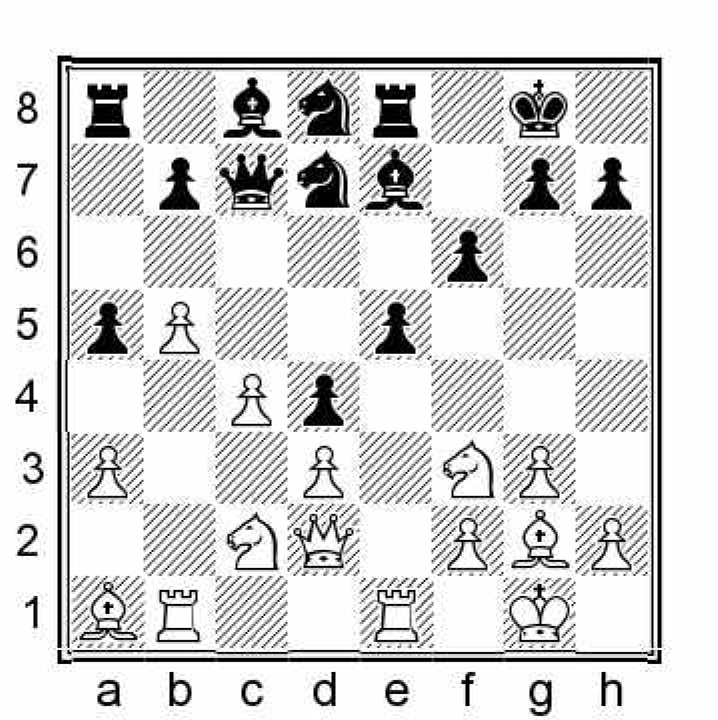
16...♘f6 17.b4! axb4 18.axb4 ♘xb4 19.♗a3 ♖xa3 20.♘xa3 e4 21.♘c2 exf3 22.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 23.♗f1 ♘c7 24.♘xb4 ♗d7 (24...♘a6 25.♕e1! ♘xb4 26.♕e8+ ♗f8 27.♕xc8+-) 25.♕e1±

17.♗a1 f6 18.b4

18.♘h4!? ♕c7 19.f4 ♘f8 (19...exf4 20.gxf4±) 20.♗b2 ♗e6 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 ♖a2 23.fxe5 fxe5 24.♘f3±

18...axb4

18...♕c7?! 19.b5 ♘d8



20.♘fxd4! exd4 21.♗xd4 ♘f8 (21...♘c5 22.♘e3! ♗e6 23.♘d5 ♕d7 24.♗xc5 ♗xc5 25.d4 ♗a7 26.♕xa5±) 22.♘e3 ♗xa3 23.♘d5 ♖xe1+ 24.♖xe1 ♕d6 25.♗c3 ♗e6 26.d4±

19.axb4 ♘f8 20.b5 ♘d8 21.♘b4

21.♘fxd4!? exd4 22.♗xd4 ♕c7 23.♘e3 ♗e6 24.♘d5 ♗xd5 25.♗xd5+→

21...♗e6 22.♕b2

22.♘d5 ♗xd5 23.cxd5 ♘f7∓

22...♖a4

22...♗xb4!? 23.♕xb4 ♘d7 24.♖b3 ♕c5⇄

23.♘d5 ♗xd5 24.cxd5 ♘f7 25.d6 ♗xd6 26.♘d2 ♗b4 27.♕c2 ♖ea8 28.♗d5 ♗xd2 29.♕xd2 ♘e6 30.♖ec1 ♔h8 31.h4 ♘h6 32.♕d1 ♘c5?!

32...♘c7! 33.♗e4 ♘e8 34.♖c8 ♖xc8 35.♕xa4 ♘f7∓

33.♕c2 ♘g4?

33...♘e6 34.♗b2=

34.h5 f5 35.♔g2?

35.♗xd4 exd4 36.♕xc5 ♕xc5 37.♖xc5 ♖a1 38.♖bc1 g6 39.♗xb7+-

35...♘e6 36.♕e2 e4?!

36...h6! 37.♕f3 ♖f8 38.♗xe6 ♕xe6 39.♕xb7 ♕e8!∓

37.dxe4 d3 38.♕f3 d2 39.♖d1 ♖a3

39...♘d4 40.♗xd4 ♖xd4 41.♕xf5 ♘f6 42.♖b2±

40.♕xf5+- ♖f8 41.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 42.♕xg4+ ♔h8 43.♖xd2 ♘f4+ 44.gxf4 1-0

9. A20
Iturrizaga Bonelli, Eduardo (2594) - Yuffa, Daniil (2576)
Alicante 152/9, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.♘f3 e4 4.♘d4 d5 5.cxd5 ♕xd5 6.e3 ♗c5 7.♘c3 ♕e5 8.f3

8.d3 - 149/6

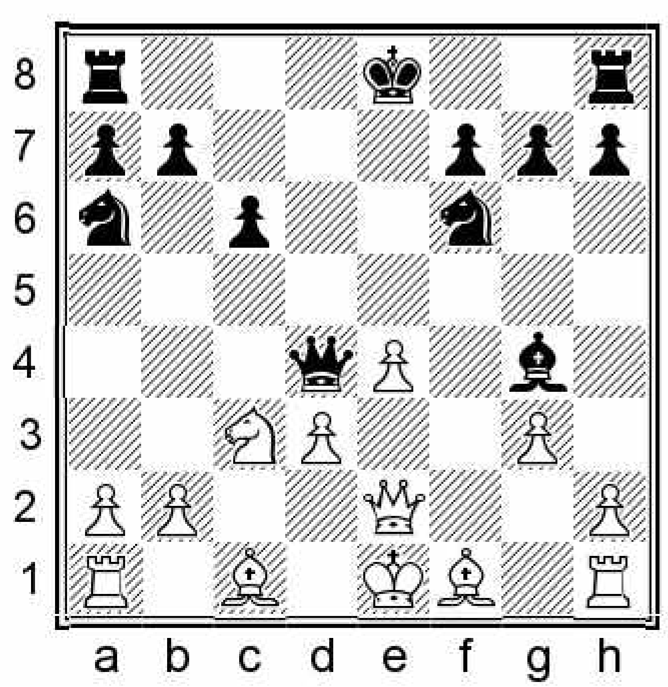
8...♗xd4N

8...♘f6

9.exd4 ♕xd4 10.♕e2 ♘f6 11.fxe4 ♘a6

11...O-O 12.d3 ♖e8 13.♗e3 ♕d8 14.h3∞

12.d3 ♗g4



13.♗e3!?

13.♕f2 ♘b4!? 14.♕xd4 ♘c2+ 15.♔f2 ♘xd4 16.h3 ♗e6 17.♖b1 O-O 18.♗e3 ♖fd8=

13...♕d7 14.♕d2 O-O-O?!

14...♗f3 15.♖g1 ♖d8 16.♕f2 ♗g4 17.♗g5 ♘b4! 18.h3 ♗xh3 19.O-O-O ♗xf1 20.♕xf1 ♕d4⇄

15.h3 ♗f3

15...♗e6 16.O-O-O ♕c7 17.♔b1 ♕a5 18.b3 ♘b4 19.♕b2! c5 20.a3 ♘c6 21.♖c1±

16.♖h2!

16.♖g1?! ♖he8 17.g4 ♘b4 18.♖g3 ♗xe4! 19.dxe4 ♕xd2+ 20.♗xd2 ♘c2+∓

16...♘b4 17.♖f2 ♗h5 18.g4 ♗g6 19.♖d1

19.O-O-O ♕e6 20.b3 ♕e7 21.♕b2 ♔b8 22.♔b1 ♖he8 23.♖fd2±

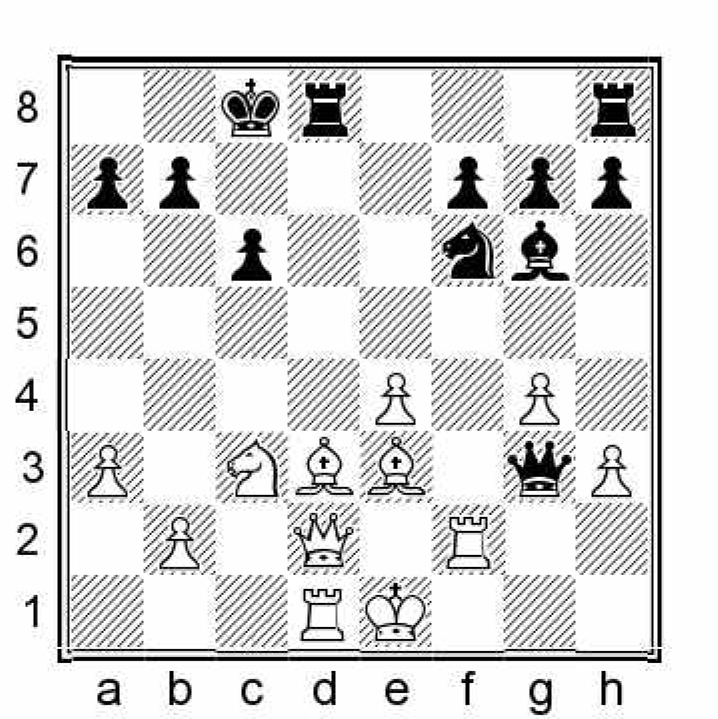
19...♕c7

19...♖he8 20.a3 ♕e7 21.♖xf6! ♕xf6 22.axb4±

20.a3 ♘xd3+

20...♘a2 21.♗f4 (21.♘xa2 ♘xe4 22.♗f4 ♕b6 23.dxe4 ♖xd2 24.♖dxd2±) 21...♕b6 22.♘a4 ♕b5 23.♕c2+-

21.♗xd3 ♕g3



22.♘b5!+- b6

22...cxb5 23.♖c1+ ♔b8 24.♗f4+ ♕xf4 25.♕xf4+ ♔a8 26.♗xb5 h6 27.♖c7

23.♘xa7+ ♔b7 24.♘xc6 ♔xc6

24...♖d6 25.♘b4 ♖hd8 26.♗f4

25.♗f4 ♕xd3 26.♕c1+ ♔b5 27.♖xd3 ♖xd3 28.a4+! ♔b4 29.♗d6+ ♖xd6 30.♕c3+ ♔xa4 31.♕c4+ 1-0

10. A20
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2776) - Khenkin, Igor (2509)
Deutschland 152/10, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.d4 e4 4.♕a4 ♘a6

4...d5 - 151/12

5.a3 ♘c7 6.♘c3 f5 7.f3 ♘f6 8.♗g2N

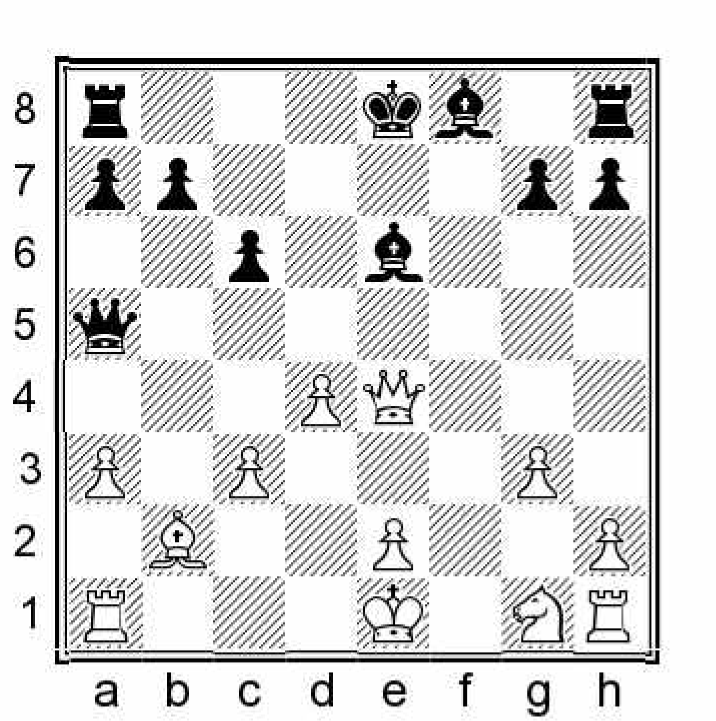
8.fxe4

8...d5 9.cxd5 ♘cxd5

9...b5 10.♕b3 cxd5 11.♗g5 ♗e7 12.♘h3 ♗e6 13.♗f4! a6 14.♗e5 ♕d7 (14...O-O? 15.♘g5±) 15.O-O⩲

10.fxe4 ♘xc3 11.bxc3 ♘xe4 12.♕c2 ♕a5 13.♗b2 ♗e6 14.♘h3

14.♗xe4 fxe4 15.♕xe4



15...♔d7! 16.♘f3 ♗d6 17.O-O ♖ae8=∞

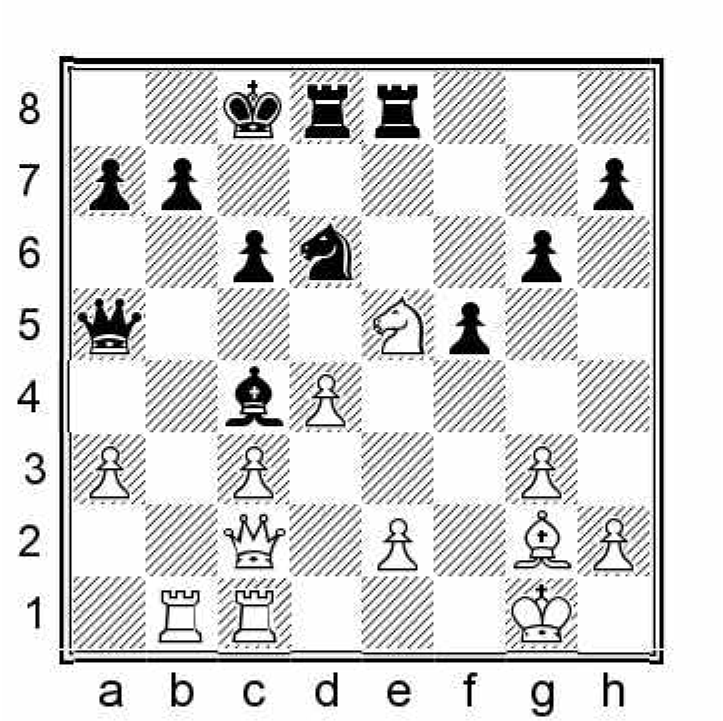
14...O-O-O 15.O-O ♗c4 16.♘g5

16.♘f2 ♘xf2 17.♖xf2 g6 18.♗c1 ♗d6 19.♗g5 ♖de8∓

16...♘d6!∓ 17.♘f3 g6 18.♘e5 ♗h6

18...♗a6 19.♗c1 ♗g7 20.♘d3 ♖he8∓

19.♗c1 ♗xc1 20.♖fxc1 ♖he8 21.♖ab1



21...♖xe5!

21...♗d5 22.♗xd5 ♕xd5 23.e3 ♕e4 24.♕xe4 ♘xe4 25.♔g2 ♖d5⇄

22.dxe5 ♕xe5 23.♖d1 ♗xe2

23...♕c5+ 24.♔h1 ♕xa3 25.♖d4 ♔c7 26.♕d2 ♕a2∓

24.♖e1

24.♖d4! ♕e3+ 25.♔h1 ♘e4 26.♕c1! ♕xc1+ 27.♖xc1 ♖xd4 28.cxd4 ♗d3=

24...♕c5+ 25.♔h1 ♗c4 26.♖bd1 ♘e4 27.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 28.♕d1+ ♗d5

28...♔c7! 29.♕d4 ♕xd4 30.cxd4 ♔d6∓

29.♗xe4 fxe4 30.♕d4 ♕xd4 31.cxd4 b5 32.♔g1 a5 33.♖b1 ♗c4?!

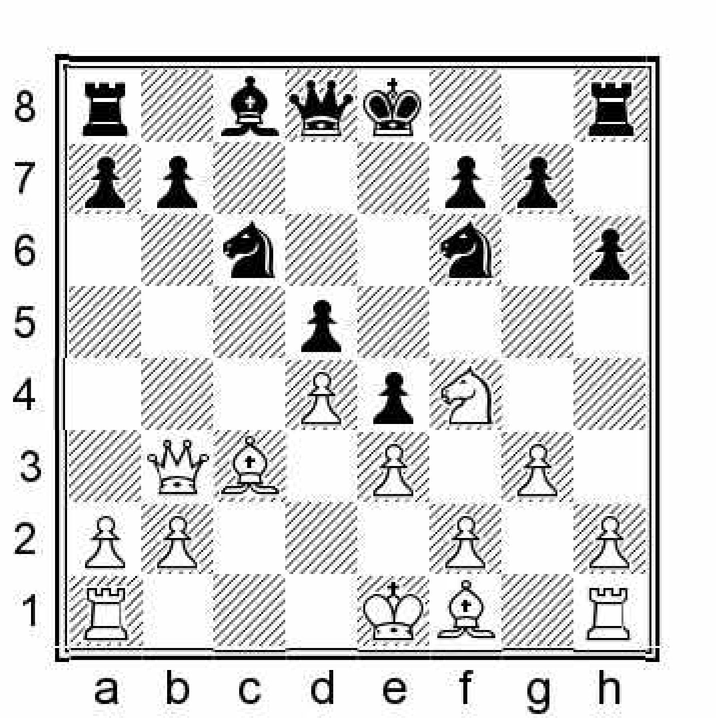
33...♔c7! 34.♔f2 ♔b6 35.♔e3 b4! 36.axb4 a4 37.♔d2 a3 38.♖a1 a2 39.♔c3 e3-+

34.♔f2 ♗d3 35.♖c1 ♔d7 36.♔e3 b4= 37.axb4 axb4 38.♔d2 b3 39.♔c3 ♗c2 40.♖a1 ♔d6 41.♖a5 h5 42.♖e5 e3 43.♖xe3 c5 44.dxc5+ ♔xc5 45.♖e5+ 1/2-1/2

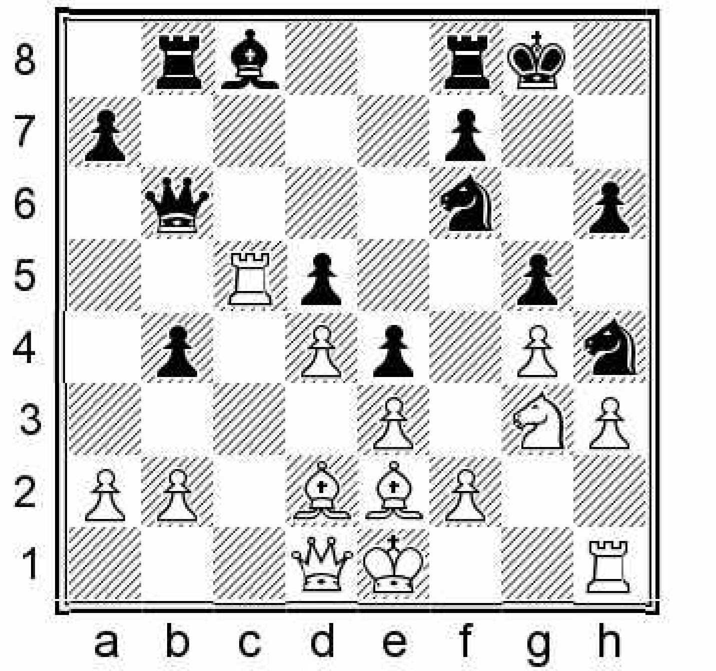
11. * !N A20
Shankland, Samuel L (2709) - Robson, Ray (2681)
Saint Louis (m/4-rapid) 152/11, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.d4 e4 4.d5

4.♘c3 d5 5.♘h3 h6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.♕b3 ♘f6 8.♘f4 ♘c6 9.e3 (9.♘fxd5 - 123/(13)) 9...♗b4 10.♗d2 ♗xc3 11.♗xc3



11...g5!N (11...g6) 12.♘e2 O-O 13.h3 ♖b8 14.g4 b5 15.♕d1 b4 16.♗d2 ♘e7 17.♘g3 ♘g6 18.♖c1 ♘h4 19.♗e2 ♕b6 20.♖c5



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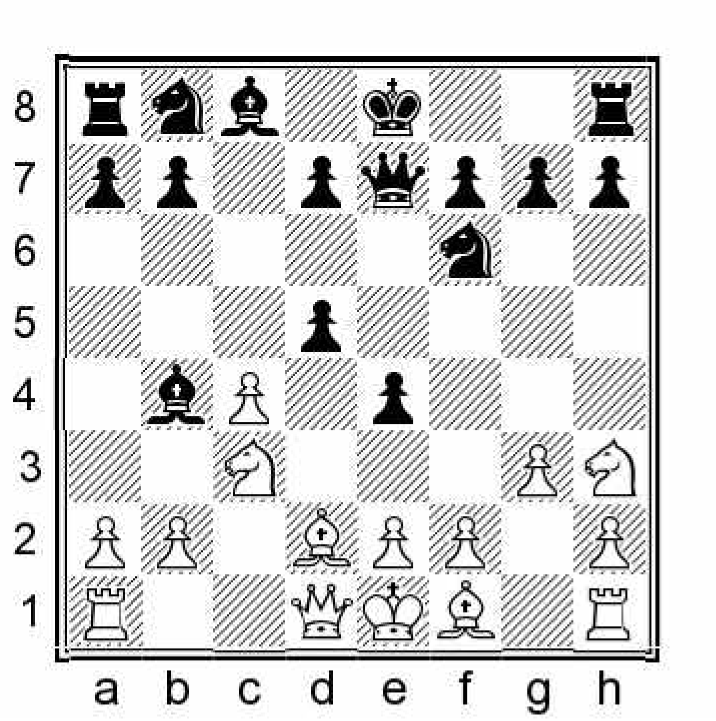
4...♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♕e7 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.♘h3

7.♗g2 - 102/12

7...cxd5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8.♘f4!N

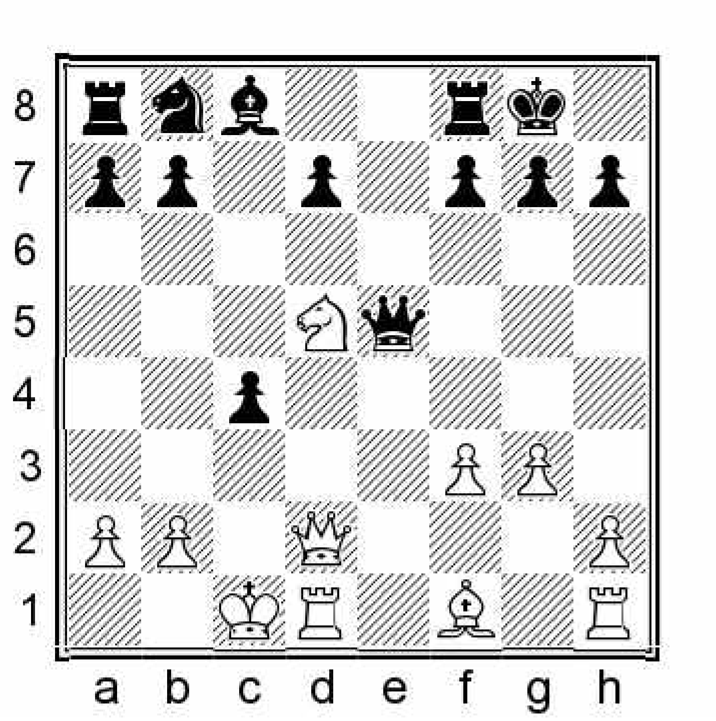
8.cxd5

8...dxc4

8...♗xc3 9.♗xc3 e3 10.♘xd5 exf2+ 11.♔xf2 ♘e4+ 12.♔e1 ♘xc3 13.♘xc3 O-O 14.♗g2 ♘c6 15.♕d2 d6 16.♖f1 ♗e6 17.b3 ♖ad8 18.♖d1 ♕c7 19.♔f2 ♕b6+ 20.♕e3±

9.♘fd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xd5 ♗xd2+ 11.♕xd2 ♕d8

⌓11...♕e5 12.O-O-O O-O 13.f4 exf3 14.exf3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14...c3! (14...b5 15.f4 ♕d6 16.♗g2 ♘c6 17.f5 ♕h6 18.♕xh6 gxh6 19.♖he1↑) 15.♕xc3 ♕xc3+ 16.♘xc3 b6 17.♗c4=∞

12.♗g2 O-O 13.♗xe4 d6 14.♖c1 ♘d7

14...♖e8 15.♖xc4±; 14...♗h3? 15.♘f4 ♗c8 16.♖xc4+-

15.♖xc4 ♘f6 16.O-O

16.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 17.O-O ♗e6 18.♖b4±

16...♘xe4

16...♗e6 17.♖d1 ♖e8 18.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 19.♖d4 ♗xa2 20.♗xb7 ♖ab8 21.♗c6 ♖f8 22.b4±

17.♖xe4 ♗e6 18.♖d1 ♖c8 19.♘c3 ♕b6 20.♖d4 ♖c6 21.b3 ♕a5 22.♘d5 ♕xd2 23.♘e7+ ♔h8 24.♖1xd2 ♖c7 25.♘d5 ♖c6

25...♖c1+ 26.♔g2 ♖d8 27.e4 g6 28.♘e3 ♖a1 29.f4±

26.♘f4 ♖d8 27.e4 g5

27...g6 28.♔g2 h5 29.h4 a5 30.♔f3 ♔g7 31.♔e3±

28.♘d3

28.♘d5 ♔g7 29.♔g2 ♗xd5 30.♖xd5 f6 31.f3 b6 32.h4 gxh4 33.gxh4 ♔f7 34.♔g3⩲

28...♔g7 29.f4 gxf4 30.gxf4 ♔f8 31.f5 ♗c8 32.♔f2± a5 33.♘f4

33.♘e5 ♖c5 34.♘c4 d5 35.♘e3 ♗d7 36.♖xd5 ♖xd5 37.♖xd5 ♔e7 38.♔f3+-

33...b5 34.♘d5 b4 35.♘f6 ♔e7 36.♘d5+ ♔f8 37.♖4d3+- ♖c1 38.♖h3 ♔g7 39.♔e3

39.♖g3+ ♔f8 40.f6 ♗e6 41.♘e7

39...♖g1 40.♖g3+ ♖xg3+ 41.hxg3 ♗b7 42.♔f4 ♖e8 43.♖d4 ♖a8 44.♘e3 ♖a6 45.♘c4 a4 46.♘xd6 axb3 47.axb3 ♗a8 48.♘e8+ ♔f8 49.♘c7 ♖a7 50.f6 1-0

12. A21
Carlsen, Magnus (2864) - Moiseenko, Alexander (2602)
tornelo.com (Int.-rapid) 152/12, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.e3 c6

2...♘f6 - 135/17

3.d4 ♗b4+ 4.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 5.♕xd2 d6 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.♗d3N

7.♘f3

7...O-O 8.♘ge2 ♖e8

8...♗g4 9.f3 ♗e6 (9...♗h5 10.O-O-O!? ♘bd7 (10...♗g6? 11.♗xg6 exd4 (11...hxg6 12.dxe5) 12.♗xh7++-) 11.g4 ♗g6 12.e4 (12.h4 ♗xd3 13.♕xd3 b5 14.cxb5 cxb5 15.♕xb5 ♖b8 16.♕d3 ♕a5 17.♔b1±) 12...d5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.exd5 b5 15.♗xg6 hxg6 16.♔b1 b4 17.♘e4±) 10.O-O exd4 11.♘xd4 d5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.♖ac1 ♘c6 14.♘ce2±

9.O-O e4 10.♗c2 d5 11.cxd5

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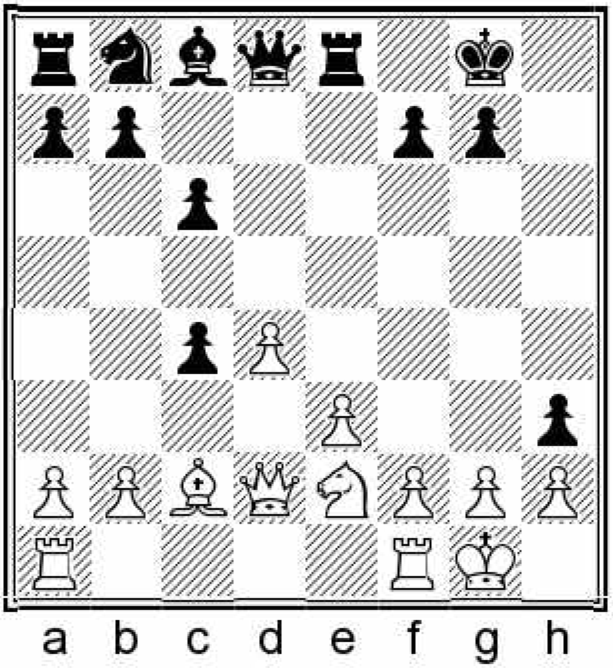

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11...cxd5 12.f3 exf3 13.♖xf3 ♗g4

13...♗e6 14.♖af1 ♘bd7 15.♘f4 ♖c8 16.♕f2→

14.♖f4 ♗xe2 15.♕xe2 ♘bd7 16.♖af1 ♕e7 17.♖1f3

17.g4!? h6 18.♖1f3±

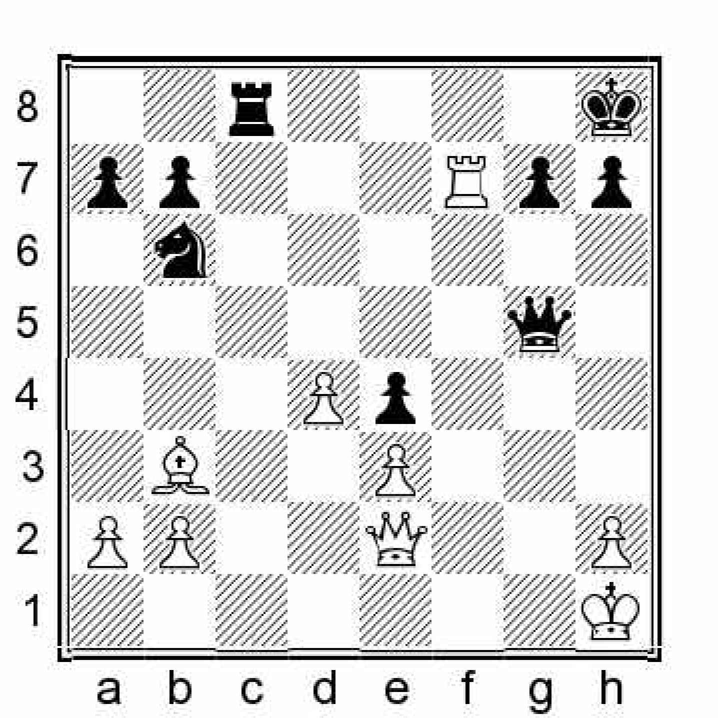
17...♖ac8 18.g4!± ♖f8 19.♗b3 ♘b6 20.g5 ♘e4

20...♘h5 21.♖f5 g6 22.♖e5 ♕d7 23.♕g2!±

21.♘xe4 dxe4 22.♖xf7 ♖xf7

22...♕xg5+ 23.♖g3 ♕xg3+ 24.hxg3 ♖xf7 25.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 26.♕g4+-

23.♖xf7 ♕xg5+ 24.♔h1 ♔h8



25.♕f1! ♕d8 26.♕g1 g6 27.♕f1 ♕d6 28.♖xb7 ♖f8 29.♖f7

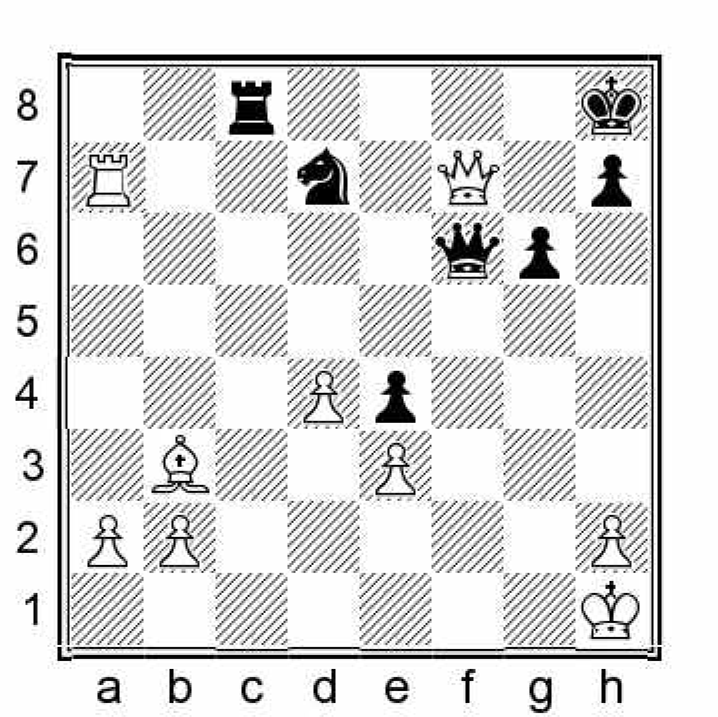
29.♕b5 ♘c8 30.♕e5++-

29...♖c8 30.♖xa7

30.♕h3 h5 31.♕h4+-

30...♘d7 31.♕f7 ♕b4

31...♕f6



32.♖c7!!+-

32.♖xd7 ♕e1+ 33.♔g2 ♕e2+ 34.♔g3 ♕xe3+ 35.♔g4 h5+

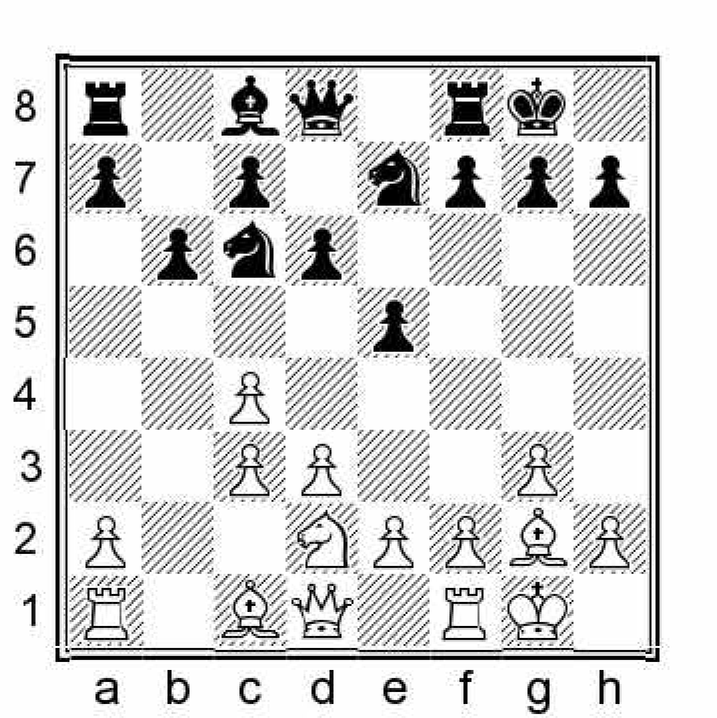
35...♕g1+ 36.♔f4 ♕xh2+ 37.♔g5 ♕h5+ 38.♔f6 ♖c6+ 39.♗e6+-

36.♔h4 g5+ 37.♔xh5 ♕h3+ 38.♔xg5 ♕g2+ 39.♔f6 ♖c6+ 40.♗e6 ♕f2+ 41.♔e7 1-0

13. * A21
Nyzhnyk, Illya (2674) - Dragun, Kamil (2590)
Saint Louis 152/13, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.g3 ♗xc3 4.bxc3 d6 5.♗g2 ♘e7 6.♘f3 ♘bc6 7.O-O O-O 8.d3 ♖b8

8...b6 9.♘d2



9...♖b8N (9...♗e6) 10.♗b2 f5 11.d4 ♔h8 12.f4 e4 13.e3 ♘a5 14.♖f2 c5∓ Martirosyan,H (2633)-Rakhmanov,A (2640) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/(13) 2022

8...h6 - 47/24

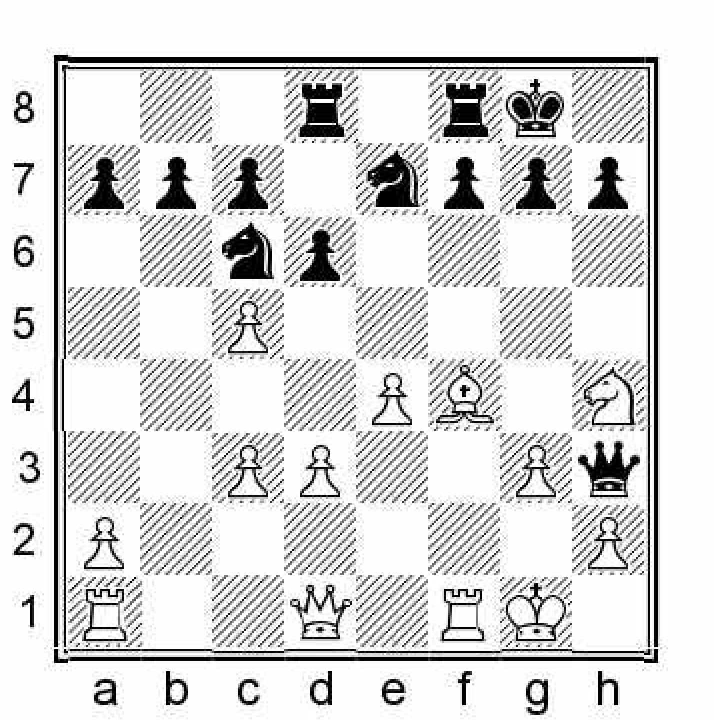
9.♘h4N

9.♘e1∞; 9.e4

9...♗e6 10.f4 ♕d7 11.e4 exf4 12.♗xf4 ♗h3

12...b6!?

13.♗xh3 ♕xh3 14.c5 ♖bd8



14...♕d7?!∞

15.d4! ♕d7

⌓15...b6∞; 15...dxc5 16.d5 ♖d7 17.♕a4 ♘b8 18.♖ae1→

16.d5 ♘e5 17.♗xe5 dxe5 18.♕b3 b6 19.♘f3

19.c6 ♕d6 20.c4±

19...♘g6

19...bxc5 20.♘xe5 ♕d6 21.♘c4 ♕d7 22.♕a3 f5∞

20.c6 ♕g4 21.♖ae1

21.♘d2!?

21...♖d6

21...h5 22.♘d2 ♘f4 23.♔h1 ♘d3 24.♖e3 ♘c5 25.♕c4 ♖d6±

22.♕d1 ♕c8

22...♖f6±

23.♘d2 ♕a6

23...♖dd8 24.a4±

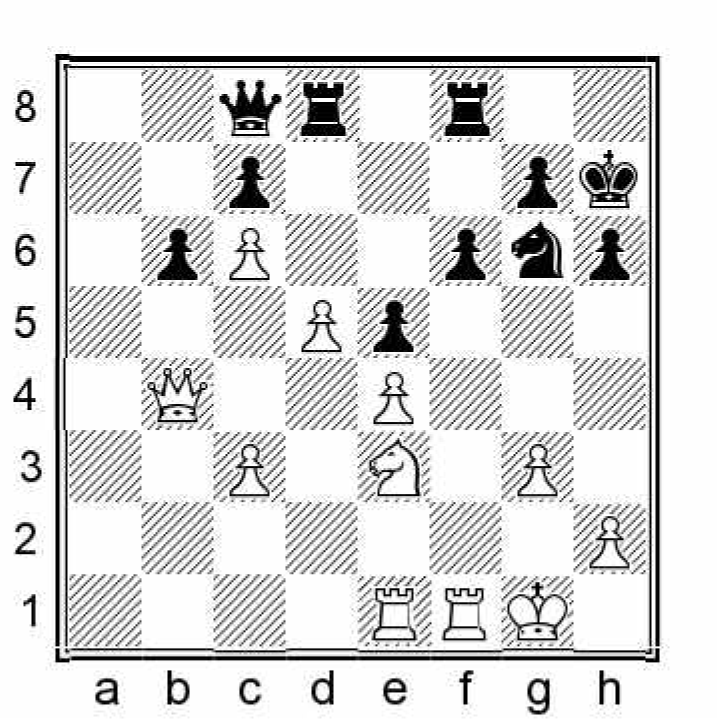
24.♕b3 ♖dd8 25.♘c4 ♔h8

25...h6!?

26.a4 f6 27.♕b4 ♕c8 28.a5 h6 29.axb6

29.♘e3 ♔h7 30.♖a1 ♕h3 31.♕b2+-

29...axb6 30.♘e3 ♔h7



30...♕h3 31.♖a1 ♖a8 32.c4 ♔h7 33.♖a3!?±

31.♘f5

31.♖a1!? ♕h3 32.♘f5 ♖a8 33.♕c4+-

31...♘h8 32.♖a1 ♘f7 33.♖a7 ♘d6 34.g4

34.♘xd6 ♖xd6 35.c4 ♕b8 36.♕a3 ♕d8 37.♔g2+-

34...♖f7 35.♔h1

35.♖fa1+-

35...♘xf5

35...♘e8 36.♕b3+-

36.gxf5 ♖g8 37.d6 g6 38.♕c4 ♖fg7 39.fxg6+ ♔xg6 40.♖xc7 ♖xc7 41.♖g1+ ♔h7 42.♕xg8+ ♕xg8 43.♖xg8 ♖xc6 44.d7 1-0

14. A21
Sturua, Zurab (2529) - Danielyan, Vahe (2332)
Yerevan 152/14, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.g3 ♗xc3 4.bxc3 ♘c6 5.♗g2 d6 6.d3 ♘ge7 7.♘h3

7.f4 - 55/(16)

7...f6 8.f4 ♗e6

8...O-O 9.O-O ♗e6 10.e4 ♕d7 11.f5 ♗f7 12.g4 ♔h8 13.g5→

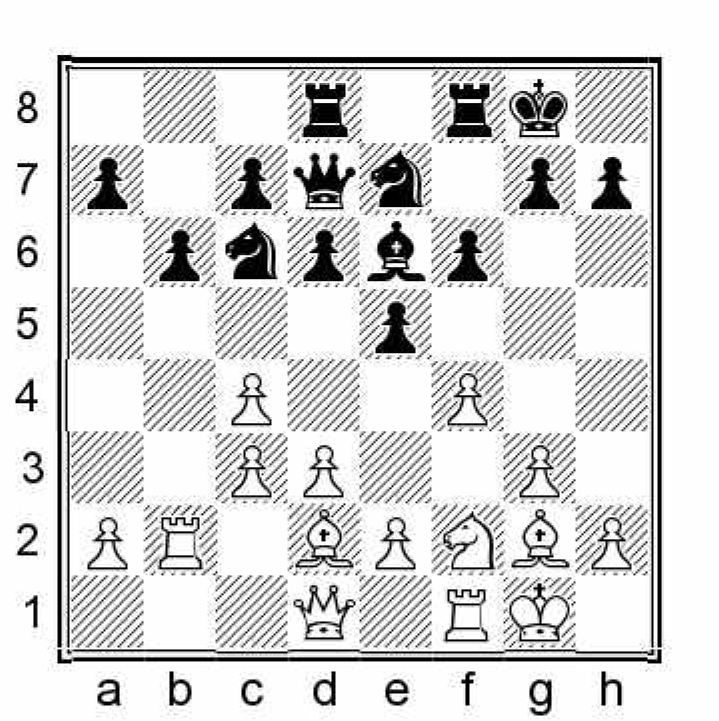
9.♘f2N

9.e4 h5 10.f5 ♗f7 11.♖b1 b6 12.O-O ♕d7 13.♘f2 O-O-O 14.h4 ♖dg8 15.♔h2 g5 16.♗e3 gxh4 17.gxh4±

9...♕d7 10.♖b1 b6 11.O-O O-O⇄ 12.♗d2 ♖ad8

12...exf4 13.♗xf4 ♖ae8 14.♕a4 ♘e5= 15.♕xa7?! ♘5g6 16.♕a3 (16.♗c1 f5 17.a4 f4=∞) 16...♘xf4 17.gxf4 ♘g6→

13.♖b2



13.e3 exf4! 14.gxf4 f5 15.h3 ♖de8 16.♔h1 d5∓ (16...♘g6!? 17.♕a4 ♘b8! 18.♕xa7 ♘h4→)

13...d5?!

13...exf4! 14.gxf4 f5 15.♔h1 ♖de8⇄ (15...♖f6!?)

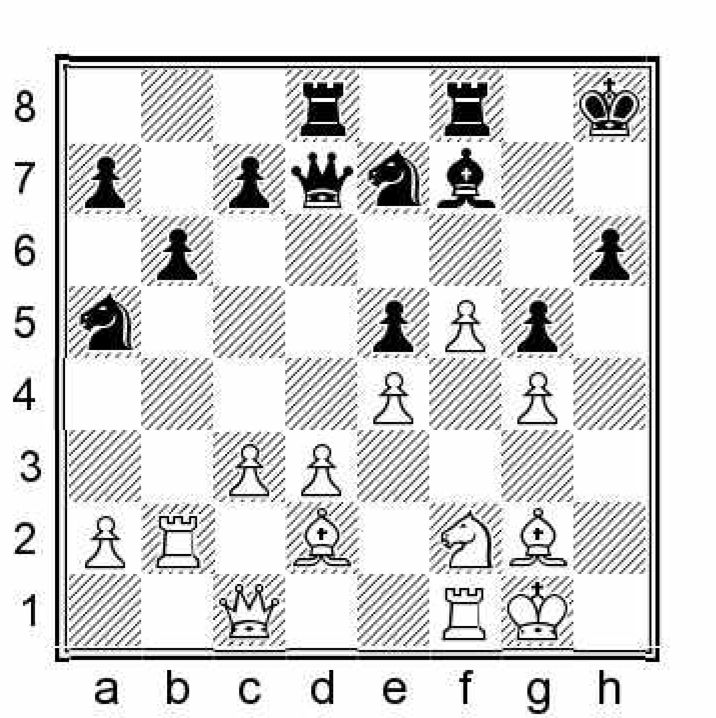
14.cxd5

14.f5! ♗f7 15.cxd5 ♗xd5 16.e4 ♗f7 17.g4±

14...♗xd5 15.e4 ♗f7 16.f5 ♘a5 17.g4→ g5

17...♔h8 18.♗e3 ♘g8 19.h4 ♕e7 20.♖d2 ♖d7±

18.h4± h6 19.♕c1! ♔h8 20.hxg5 fxg5



21.♗xg5!+- hxg5 22.♕xg5 ♗g8 23.♕h4+ ♗h7 24.g5 ♘g8 25.♘g4 ♘c6 26.♖f3! ♕e7 27.♗f1 ♖d7 28.♖h2 b5 29.♖fh3 a5

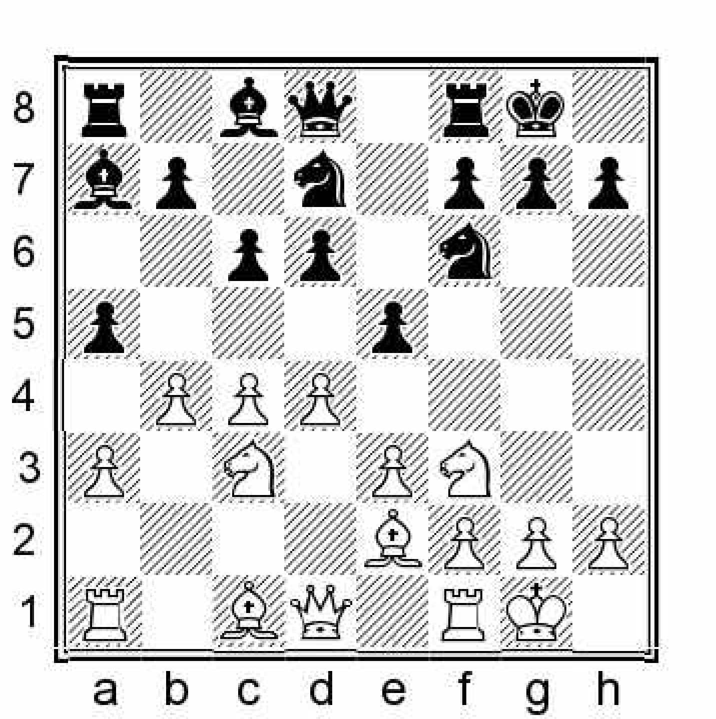
29...a5 30.f6

1-0

15. ** A21
Carlsen, Magnus (2864) - Lei, Tingjie (2535)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/15, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.♘d5 a5 4.a3 ♗c5 5.e3 d6 6.♘f3 c6 7.♘c3 ♗a7 8.d4 ♘d7 9.d5N

9.♗e2 - 152/(15) 9...♘gf6 10.b4 (10.O-O - 147/8) 10...O-O 11.O-O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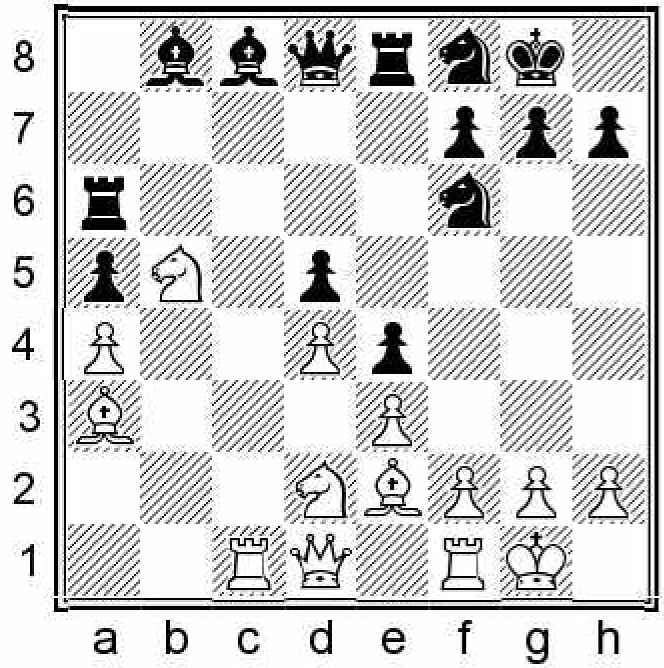
a b c d e f g h

11...♖e8N (11...♗b8) 12.b5 e4 13.♘d2 d5 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.♘b5 ♗b8 17.a4 ♘f8 18.♗a3 ♖a6 19.♖c1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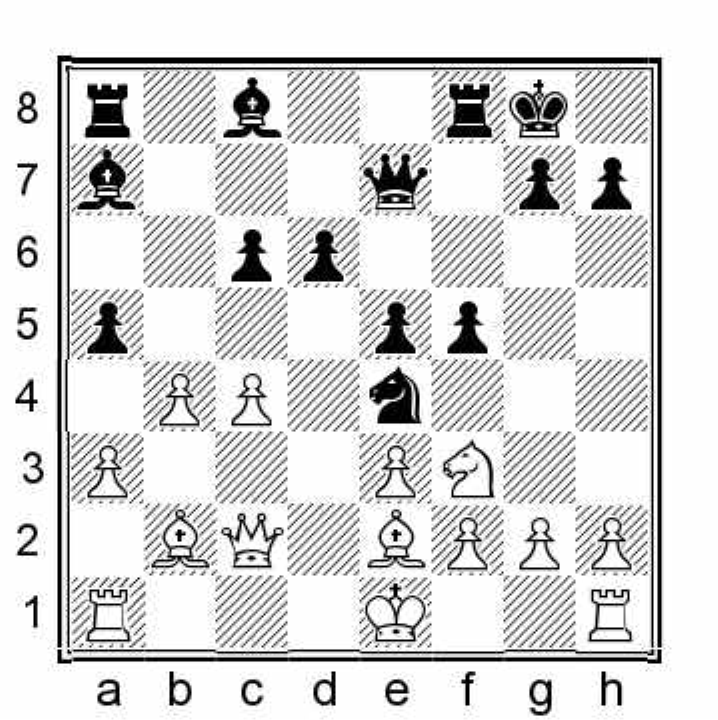
a b c d e f g h

19...♗xh2+? (19...h5! 20.♗xf8 ♖xf8 21.♖c5 ♗e6 22.♗xh5 ♘d7→) 20.♔xh2 ♘g4+ 21.♗xg4 ♖h6+ 22.♔g1 ♕h4 23.f3 ♗xg4 24.♗d6 ♗d7 25.♕e1 ♕h5 26.♗f4 ♖g6 27.♘c7 ♗h3 28.♗g3 ♖d8 29.fxe4 1-0 (29) Gareyev,T (2565)-Krysa,L (2525) San Salvador 152/(15) 2022

9...cxd5

9...♕e7N 10.♘e4 ♘c5 11.♘g3 ♘f6 12.b4 ♘ce4 13.♘xe4 ♘xe4 14.♗b2 O-O 15.♗e2 f5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.♕c2



17...♖b8? (17...♗e6) 18.c5 axb4 19.cxd6 ♘xd6 20.axb4± Lorparizangeneh,S (2502)-Kanyamarala,T (2388) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/(15) 2022

10.♘xd5

10.cxd5 ♘e7 11.♗e2 O-O 12.O-O ♘f6 13.e4 ♘g6⇄

10...♘gf6 11.♘c3 ♘c5

11...O-O!? 12.♗e2 (12.♕xd6? e4 13.♘d4 ♗b8-+) 12...e4 13.♘d4 ♘e5 14.♘db5 ♗b8 15.O-O d5 16.cxd5 ♖a6 17.♘d4 ♖b6 18.♕c2 ♖e8! 19.g3 ♗h3 20.♖d1 h5⩱

12.♗e2

12.b4 ♘ce4 13.♘xe4 ♘xe4 14.♗b2 O-O∞

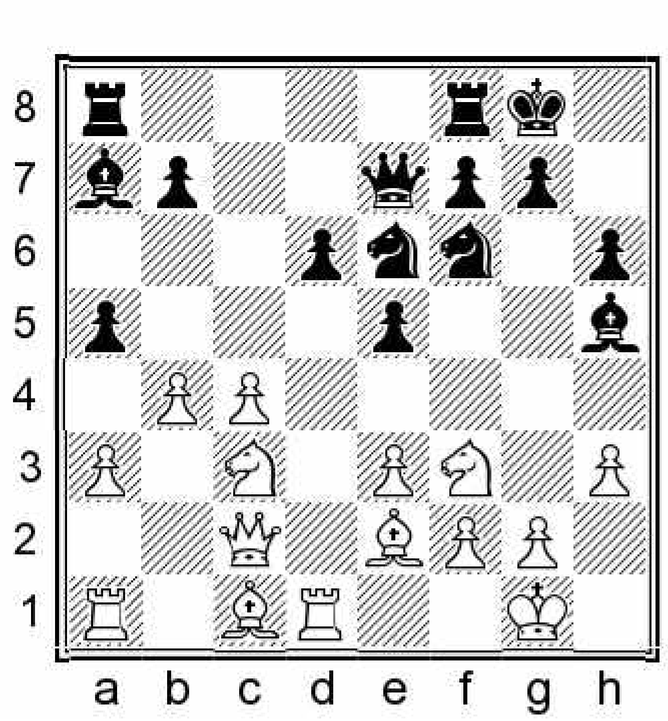
12...O-O 13.O-O h6 14.♕c2 ♗g4

14...e4 15.♘d4⩲

15.b4 ♘e6 16.♖d1 ♕e7

16...♕b6 17.♗b2! axb4 18.axb4 ♕xb4 19.♗a3±

17.h3 ♗h5



18.♘h4! ♖fd8 19.♘f5 ♕f8 20.♘d5

20.♗xh5!? ♘xh5 21.♘d5 g6 22.♘fe7+ ♔g7 23.♗b2 ♘f6 24.c5→

20...♘xd5 21.♗xh5 ♘f6 22.♗f3 g6 23.♘g3 ♕e7 24.♗b2 ♖ac8 25.c5 ♗b8 26.♕b3 ♘g5?!

26...axb4 27.cxd6 ♗xd6 28.axb4±

27.cxd6± ♘xf3+ 28.gxf3 ♗xd6 29.bxa5 h5 30.♖d2 h4 31.♘e4

31.♘e2 ♘d7 32.♖ad1±

31...♘xe4 32.fxe4 ♗c7 33.♖ad1 ♗xa5 34.♖d5 ♖xd5 35.♖xd5 ♕e6 36.♔g2 ♗d8

36...b6 37.♕d1 ♖c5 38.♗xe5 f6 39.♖d8+ ♔f7 40.♗f4 ♕xe4+ 41.♔h2+-

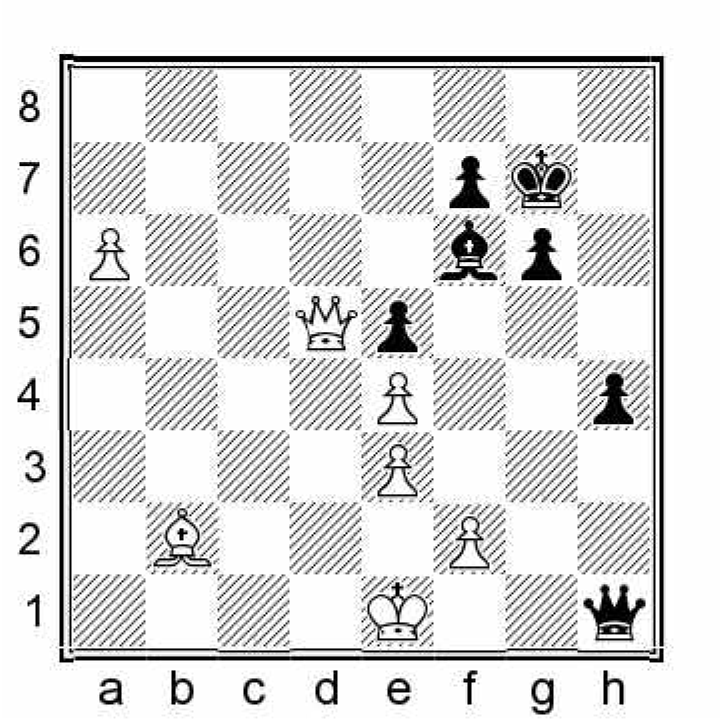
37.♕xb7 ♗f6 38.♖d6! ♕xd6 39.♕xc8+ ♔g7 40.♕c4

40.♕c2! ♕a6 41.a4+-

40...♕d1

⌓40...♕d2 41.♕c1 ♕d3 42.♔f3±

41.♕d5 ♕h5 42.a4+- ♕g5+ 43.♔f1 ♕h5 44.a5 ♕f3 45.a6 ♕xh3+ 46.♔e1 ♕h1+



47.♔d2?

47.♔e2 ♕b1 48.♗xe5 ♗xe5 49.♕xe5+ ♔h7 50.♕d5 ♕b2+ 51.♔f3 ♕f6+ 52.♔g2 ♕xa6 53.♕xf7+ ♔h6 54.e5+-

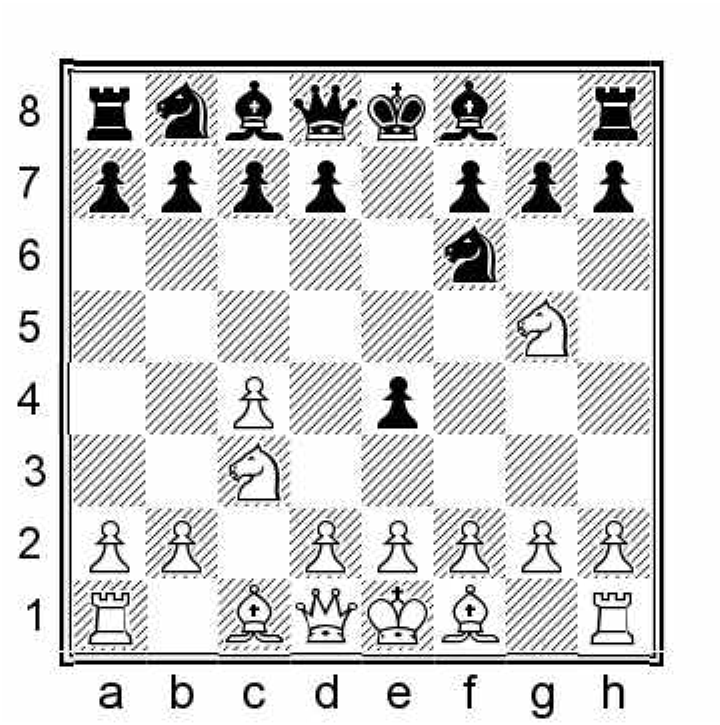
47...♕f1

47...♕b1! 48.♗xe5 ♗xe5 49.♕xe5+ ♔h7 50.♔e2 ♕a2+ 51.♔f3±

48.a7 ♕xf2+ 49.♔d3 ♕f1+ 50.♔c3 h3 51.a8=♕ h2 52.♕e8 ♗g5 53.♔b3 h1=♕ 54.♗xe5+ 1-0

16. * !N A22
Nyzhnyk, Illya (2674) - Sevian, Samuel (2684)
Saint Louis 152/16, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 e4 4.♘g5

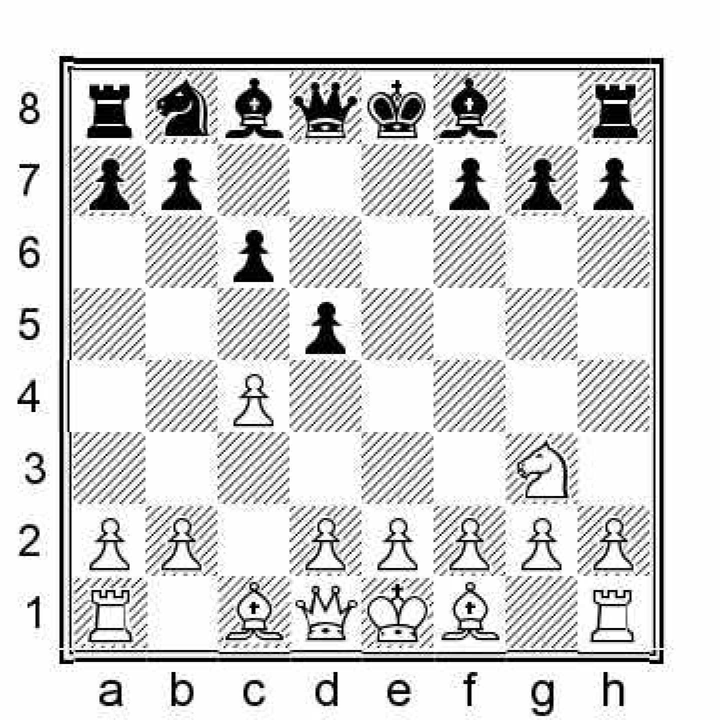


4...c6!?

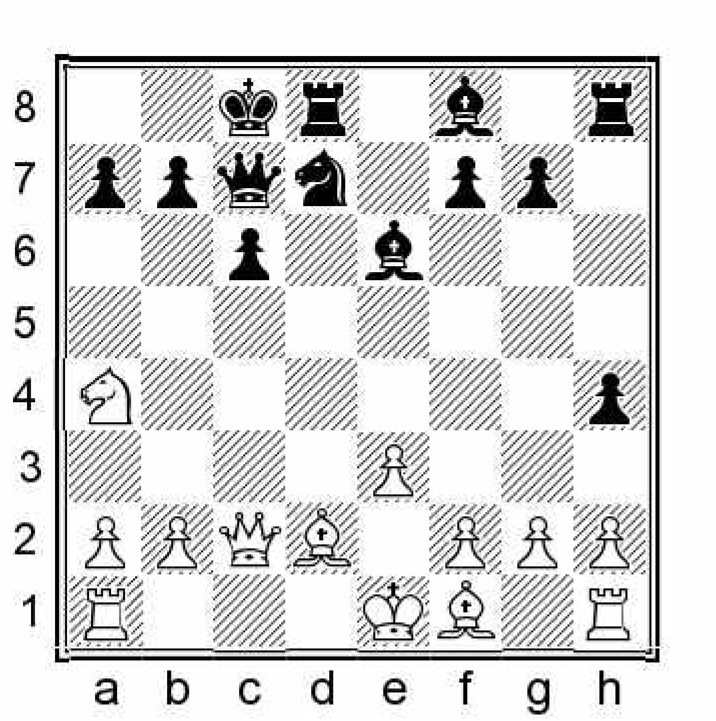
4...b5 - 82/16

5.♘gxe4 ♘xe4 6.♘xe4 d5 7.cxd5

7.♘g3

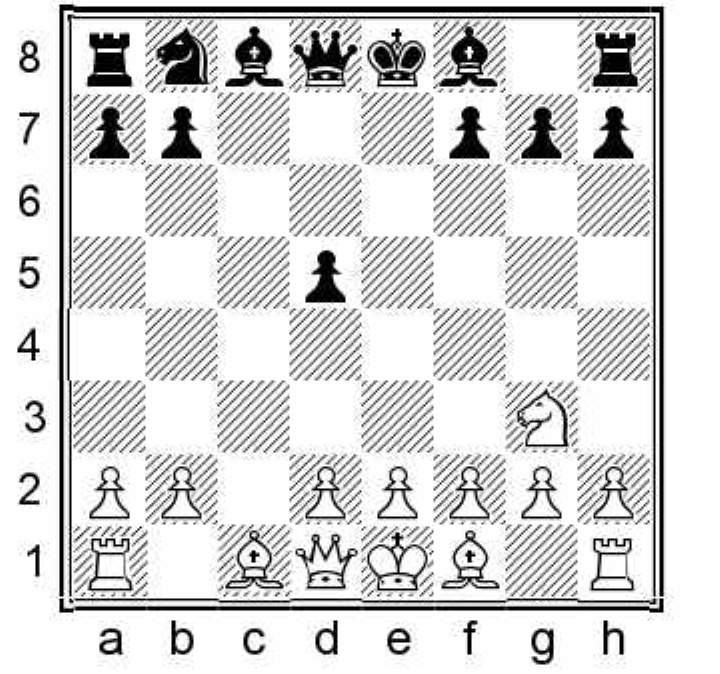


7...h5!N (7...♗c5) 8.e3 h4 9.♘e2 dxc4 10.♘c3 ♗e6→ 11.d3 cxd3 12.♕xd3 ♘d7 (12...♕xd3!? 13.♗xd3 h3 14.g3 ♘d7∓) 13.♗d2 ♕b6 14.♕c2 O-O-O 15.♘a4 ♕c7



16.O-O-O (16.♗e2 ♗d6→) 16...♗xa2 17.b3 ♗a3+ 18.♘b2 ♘c5 19.♗c4 ♕b6 20.b4 ♗xc4 21.bxc5 ♕b3-+ Yang,K (2481)-Beerdsen,T (2508) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/(16) 2022

7...cxd5 8.♘g3



8...h5!? 9.e3 h4 10.♗b5+ ♘c6 11.♘e2 h3 12.g3 a6 13.♗xc6+ bxc6 14.♕a4N

14.O-O

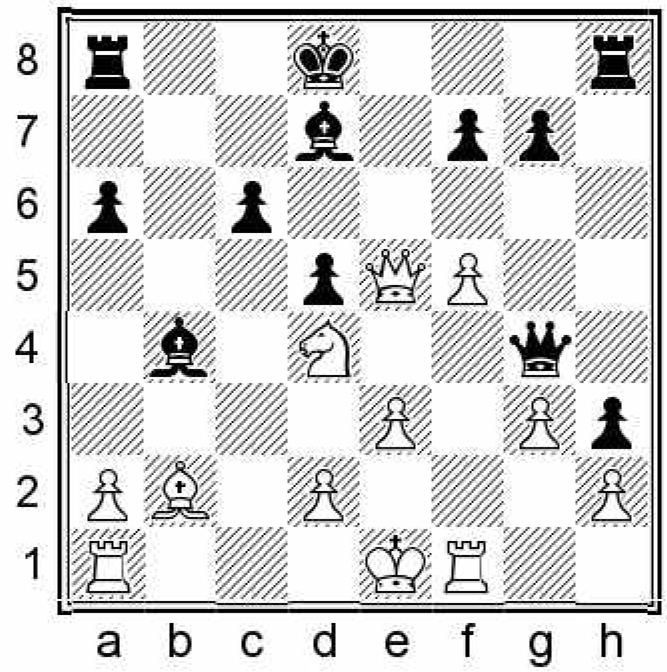
14...♕f6 15.♕f4 ♕e6 16.♘d4 ♕g6 17.♕e5+ ♗e7 18.b4

18.b3 ♖h5! 19.♕c7 ♗d7 20.♕b7 ♖c8 21.♗b2 c5→

18...♗d7 19.♗b2 ♔d8

19...a5!? 20.b5 ♖h5 21.♕c7 ♗d6 22.♕b7 ♖b8 23.♕a7 c5 24.♘c6 ♖c8 25.♕xa5 d4 26.O-O ♗xc6 27.bxc6 ♗xg3! 28.fxg3 ♕xc6 29.♖f2 ♖a8-+

20.f4 ♕g4 21.f5 ♗xb4 22.♖f1



22...♖e8

22...f6!? 23.♘e6+ ♔e7 24.♕f4 ♕xf4 25.♘xf4 ♔f7 26.♘d3 ♗d6 27.♗d4 ♖h5 28.♗c5 ♗c7∓

23.♘e6+! fxe6 24.♖f4 exf5 25.♖xg4 ♖xe5 26.♖xb4= ♖e4 27.♗d4 c5 28.♗xc5 ♖xb4 29.♗xb4 ♗b5 30.♗c3 g6 31.♖b1

31.♔f2 ♔d7 32.♔f3 ♗d3 33.♔f4 ♔e6=

31...♔d7 32.♖b4 g5 33.a4 ♗c6 34.♔f2 a5 35.♖b1 ♗xa4 36.♖a1 ♗c2 37.♖xa5 ♖xa5 38.♗xa5 g4 39.d4 ♔e6 40.♗c7 ♗e4 1/2-1/2

17. A22
Narayanan, Sunilduth Lyna (2658) - Sankalp, Gupta (2536)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/17, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 e4 4.♘g5 c6 5.c5N

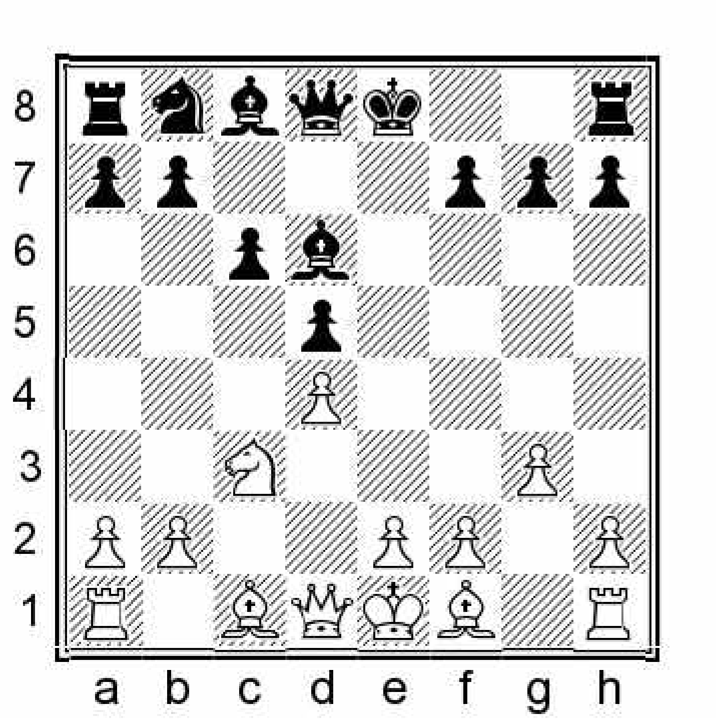
5.♘gxe4 - 152/16

5...♗xc5

5...e3!? 6.dxe3 ♗xc5 7.♘ge4 ♘xe4 8.♘xe4 ♗b4+ 9.♗d2 ♗e7!? (9...♕e7 10.♕c2 ♗xd2+ (10...a5!?) 11.♘xd2 O-O 12.g3 d5 13.♗g2 ♗g4 14.♘f3 (14.♘b3 ♕b4+ 15.♕d2 a5!∓) 14...♖e8⇄) 10.♗c3 d5 11.♘g3 O-O 12.e4 dxe4 13.♘xe4 ♗e6 14.h4 ♕xd1+ 15.♖xd1 ♗xa2 (15...b5!? 16.a3 a5 17.♗e5 ♘d7

18.♗d6 ♖ae8 19.♖c1 f5→) 16.♘d6 ♗xd6 17.♖xd6 ♘a6∓

6.♘gxe4 ♘xe4 7.♘xe4 ♗e7 8.d4 d5 9.♘c3 ♗d6 10.g3



10...h5!?

10...O-O 11.♗g2 ♘d7 12.O-O f5!? 13.♗d2 ♘f6 14.e3 ♗e6⇄

11.h4 ♗g4 12.♗g2 O-O 13.O-O ♖e8

13...♘d7 14.♗g5 ♗e7 15.♗xe7 ♕xe7 16.♕d2 ♖fe8 17.♖fe1 ♘f6 18.f3 ♗e6= 19.e4?! dxe4 20.fxe4 ♖ad8 21.e5 ♘g4∓

14.♕d3 ♘a6 15.a3 ♘c7 16.e4 dxe4 17.♘xe4 ♘d5

⌓17...♕d7⇄

18.♗g5 ♕d7 19.♖fe1 ♗f5

19...♖e6!?=

20.♕b3 ♗xe4

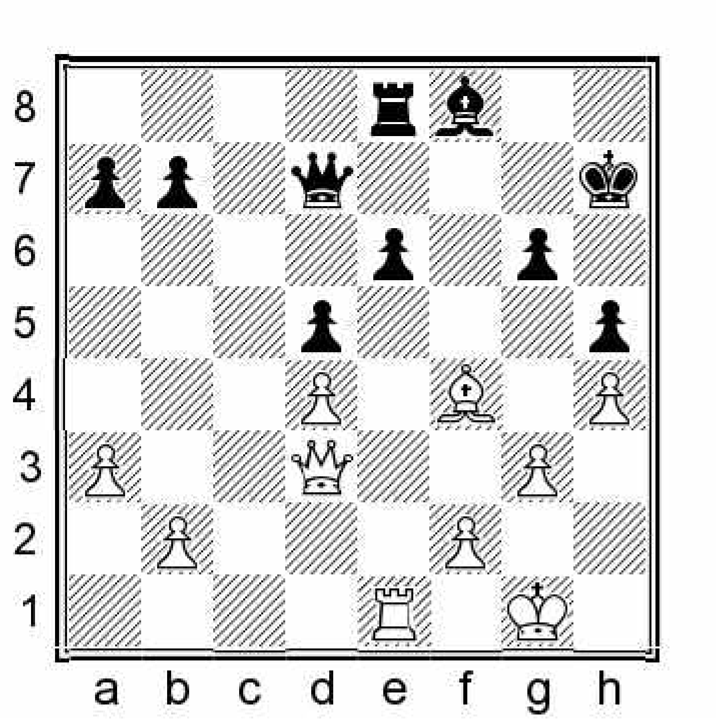
20...♗f8! 21.♘c5 ♗xc5 22.dxc5 ♖e6 23.♖xe6 ♗xe6 24.♖d1 ♖e8=

21.♗xe4 ♗f8 22.♖e2± g6

22...f5 23.♗f3 ♖xe2 24.♗xe2 ♕f7 25.♗c4 ♖e8 26.♗f4! g6 27.♗e5±

23.♖ae1 ♖e6 24.♗xd5 cxd5 25.♖xe6 fxe6 26.♕e3 ♖e8 27.♗f4

27.♗h6! ♗d6 (27...♗xh6 28.♕xh6 ♕g7 29.♕g5 ♕f7 30.♖e2 ♕f5 31.♕e3 ♕g4 32.♕d3 ♕f5 33.♕b5 ♕f7 34.♖e5 ♔g7 35.a4±) 28.♗f4 ♗f8 29.♕d3 ♔h7



30.♖e5!→

27...♔h7 28.♗e5 ♗h6 29.♗f4 ♗g7!

29...♗xf4 30.♕xf4 ♔g7 31.♕e5+±

30.♔g2 a6 31.♕d3 ♖c8 32.♖e3 ♕c6 33.♕e2 ♕c2 34.♖xe6 ♕xe2 35.♖xe2 ♗xd4 36.♖d2 ♗f6 37.♖xd5

37.♗g5 ♗g7 38.♗e3 ♔g8 39.♖xd5 ♗xb2 40.a4 ♖c7 41.♗b6 ♖e7=

37...♗xb2 38.♖d7+ ♔g8 39.♖xb7 ♗xa3 40.♖b6 ♔h7

40...♔f7 41.♖xa6 ♗e7 42.♖a7 ♔e6±

41.♖xa6 ♗b2 42.♖a7+ ♔g8 43.♖d7 ♗f6 44.♔f3 ♖e8 45.♖b7

45.♗g5 ♖f8 (45...♗xg5 46.hxg5 ♖e5 47.♔f4 ♖f5+=) 46.♗xf6 ♖xf6+ 47.♔e3 ♖b6 48.♔f4 ♖b5=

45...♖e7 46.♖b6 ♖f7= 47.♔e4 ♔h7 48.♗e3 ♗g7 49.♖a6 ♖d7 50.♗c5 ♖f7 51.f4 ♗c3 52.♖c6 ♗e1 53.♔f3 ♗c3 54.♗d6 ♗g7 55.♖c5 ♗f8 56.♖c7 ♖xc7 57.♗xc7 ♔g7 58.♗d8 ♔f7 59.g4

59.♗g5 ♗d6 60.g4 hxg4+ 61.♔xg4 ♗b4=

59...hxg4+ 60.♔xg4 ♗b4 61.♔g5 ♗d2 62.♗c7 ♗c1 63.♗e5 ♗d2 64.♔g4 ♗c1 65.f5 gxf5+ 66.♔xf5 ♗d2 67.h5 ♗c1 68.♗f4 ♗xf4 69.♔xf4 ♔g7 70.h6+ ♔xh6 1/2-1/2

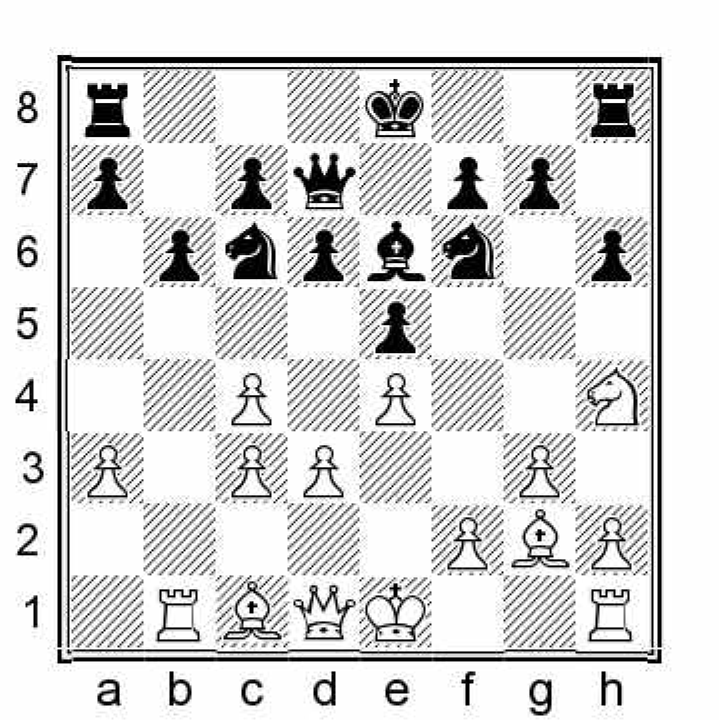
A25-A49

18. * A28
Prozorovsky, Vyacheslav - Ostriker, Jon
corr 152/18, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e4 ♗b4 5.d3 d6 6.a3 ♗xc3+ 7.bxc3 h6 8.g3 ♗e6

8...O-O - 125/8

9.♗g2 ♕d7 10.♖b1 b6 11.♘h4



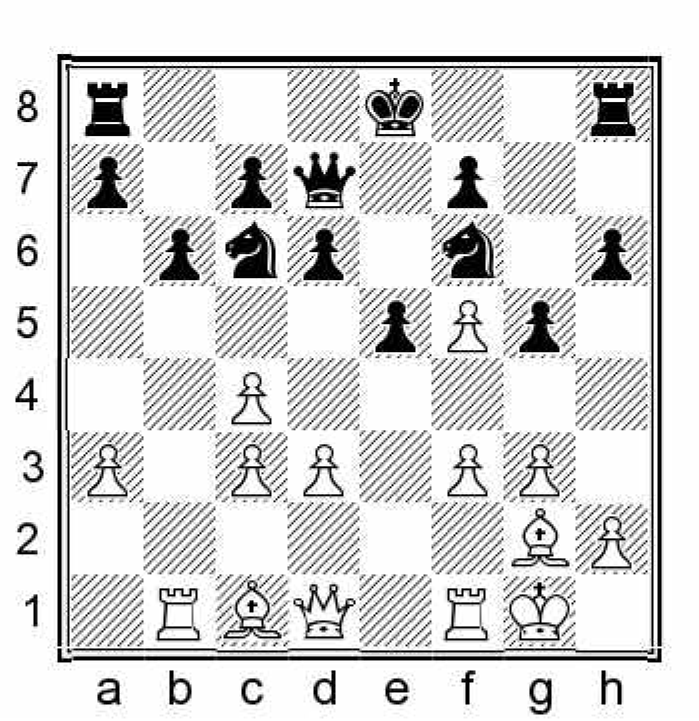
11...♗g4!?N

11...♗h3 12.O-O ♗xg2 13.♘xg2 ♘h7 14.♖b2 O-O 15.g4 a6 16.h4 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.♖xb5 ♘e7=

12.f3 ♗e6 13.O-O

13.f4 exf4 14.gxf4 ♗h3 15.♖b2 O-O-O 16.♘f3 ♘h7 17.f5 ♗xg2 18.♖xg2 g6 19.fxg6 fxg6 20.♕a4=

13...g5 14.♘f5 ♗xf5 15.exf5



15...O-O-O 16.♗e3 - 152/18

16.f4N exf4 17.gxf4 g4 18.♗e3 ♖hg8 19.♕a4 ♘a5 20.♖b5 g3 21.h3 c5 22.♖fb1 ♖de8= Prakash,O-Fourie, M corr 152/(18) 2022

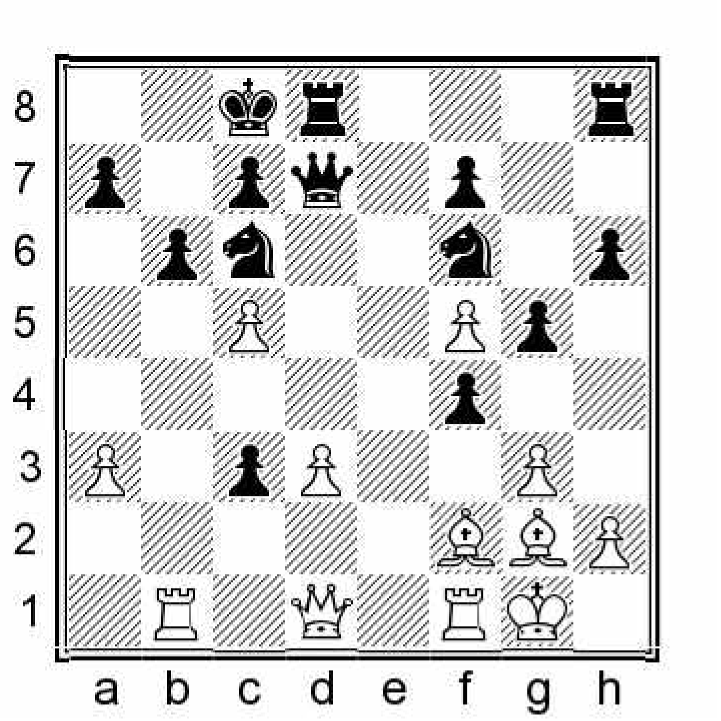
16...d5

16...♘a5 17.g4 (17.♖b5 ♖he8 (17...d5 18.♕a4 a6 19.♖xa5 bxa5 20.♕xa5 ♕c6=)) 17...c5 18.♗f2 d5 19.d4 exd4 20.cxd4 dxc4 21.dxc5 ♕xd1 22.♖fxd1 ♘b3 23.cxb6 axb6 24.♗f1 b5 25.a4 ♘d2 26.♖xd2 ♖xd2 27.♖xb5 ♘d5 28.♗xc4 ♖d1+ 29.♔g2 ♘f4+ 30.♔g3 ♖d2 31.♖c5+ (31.♗xf7 ♘e2+ 32.♔g2 ♘f4+ 33.♔g3 ♘e2+=) 31...♔d7 32.♗b5+ ♔d6 33.♖c6+ ♔d5 34.♖c5+ ♔d6=

17.c5 d4! 18.♗f2

18.cxd4 ♘d5 19.♕c1 ♘xe3 20.♕xe3 ♕xd4∓

18...dxc3 19.f4 exf4



20.cxb6

20.♕a4 ♘a5 21.♕xa5 bxa5 22.♗b7+ ♔b8 23.♗c6+ ♔c8 24.♗b7+=

20...cxb6

20...axb6 21.♕a4 ♘b8 22.♕b3 ♘g4 23.♗xb6 cxb6 24.♕xc3+ ♕c7 25.♕b3 ♘e5 26.♖fc1 ♘bc6 27.d4 ♖xd4 28.♗xc6 ♘xc6 29.♕xb6 ♕xb6 30.♖xb6 ♔d7 31.♖bxc6=

21.♕b3

21.♕a4 ♘a5 (21...♘d5 22.♖fc1 ♘e5 23.♕a6+ ♕b7 24.♖xc3+ ♔b8 25.♕xb7+ ♔xb7 26.gxf4 gxf4 27.d4 f3 28.dxe5 ♘xc3 29.♗xf3+ ♔a6 30.♖e1 ♖hg8+ 31.♔f1 ♖d3=) 22.♖b5 ♘g4 23.♖c1 ♘xf2 24.♖xc3+ ♔b8 25.♕xa5 ♕d4 26.♖xb6+ ♕xb6 27.♕e5+ ♕d6 28.♖b3+ ♔c8 29.♖c3+=

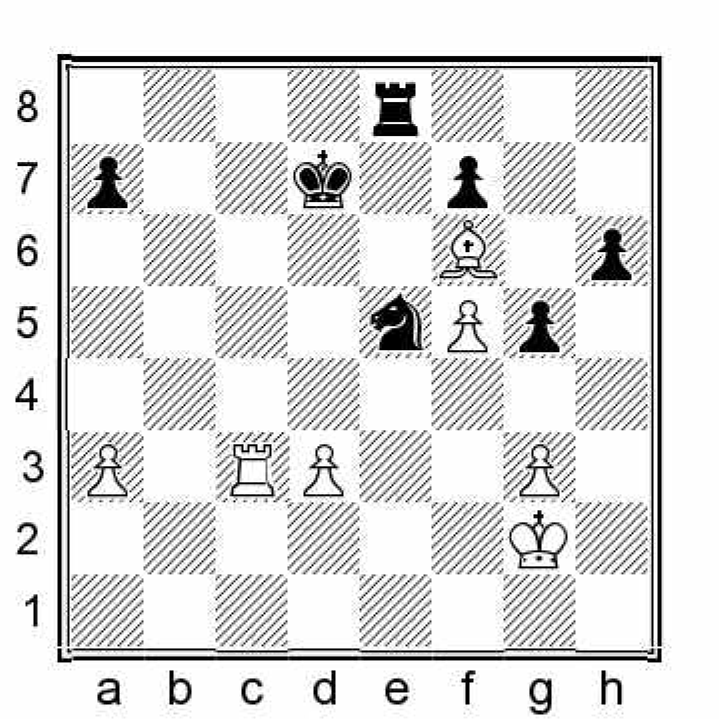
21...♘d5 22.♖fc1 ♔b8

⌓22...♘a5 23.♖xc3+ ♔b8∓

23.♗xd5= ♕xd5 24.♗xb6 ♕xb3 25.♗xd8 ♕xb1 26.♖xb1+ ♔c8

26...♔a8!? 27.♗f6 ♖e8=

27.♗f6 ♖e8 28.♖c1 fxg3 29.hxg3 ♘e5 30.♖xc3+ ♔d7 31.♔g2



31...♔d6

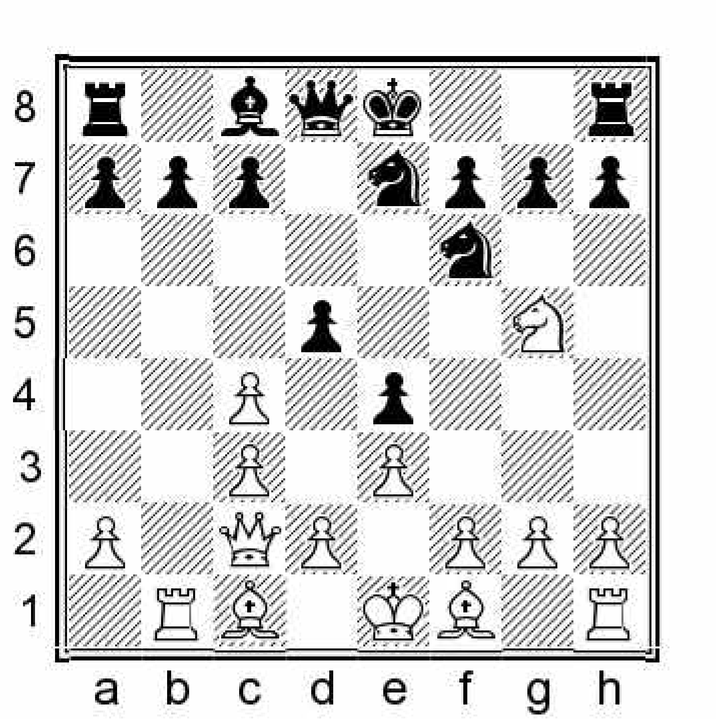
31...♘g4!? 32.♗d4 ♘e3+ 33.♗xe3 ♖xe3=

32.♔h3 a6 33.♗xe5+ ♖xe5 34.♔g4 1/2-1/2

19. * A28
Navara, David (2700) - Nihal, Sarin (2652)
Beograd 152/19, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.e3 ♗b4 5.♕c2 ♗xc3 6.bxc3 d6

6...e4 7.♘g5 d5 (7...♕e7 - 22/53) 8.♖b1 ♘e7



9.cxd5N (9.♗a3) 9...♕xd5 10.♖b5?! (10.h4∞) 10...c5 11.h4 ♗d7?! (11...♕c6! 12.c4 h6 13.♘h3 ♗g4∓) 12.c4 ♕c6 13.♗b2 ♗f5 14.♗e2∞ Ivic,V (2606)-Niemann,H (2645) Warszawa (blitz) 152/(19) 2021

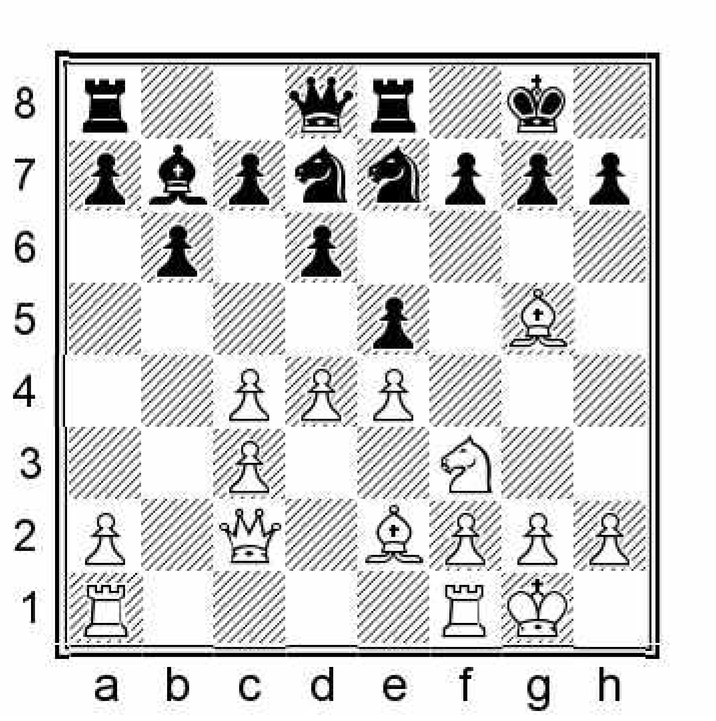
7.e4 O-O 8.♗e2

8.g3 - 143/11

8...b6 9.d3 ♘d7 10.O-O ♗b7 11.d4N

11.♗g5=; 11.♗e3!?

11...♖e8 12.♗g5 ♘e7



13.c5?!

13.♘d2±

13...h6 14.♗h4 ♕c8 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.♗g3 ♘g6 17.♗d3 ♘f6 18.♖fe1 ♘h5 19.♖ac1 ♕c7

19...♗a6!?

20.♘d2 ♖ac8

20...exd4 21.cxd4 ♕xc2 22.♗xc2 d5 23.♗b3 ♘gf4=

21.♕b2 ♖cd8

21...♗c6=

22.a4 ♘xg3

22...♘gf4 23.♗f1 d5 24.exd5 ♖xd5 25.♘f3 e4 26.♘e5±

23.hxg3 ♘f8 24.♘c4

24.a5 bxa5 25.♕a3±

24...♘d7 25.♘e3 ♘f6

25...g6 26.♗b5 ♗xe4 27.d5 ♘c5 28.♗xe8 ♖xe8 29.♖a1 ♔g7∞

26.d5 ♖f8 27.a5 bxa5 28.♕a3 ♘d7 29.♖a1

29.♘c4 ♗a6 30.♘xe5 ♖fe8 31.♗xa6 ♖xe5 32.♗d3 ♖de8=

29...♘c5 30.♗c2 a4 31.f3

31.♗xa4!? ♘xe4 32.♗c2 ♘c5 33.♕a5

31...♗c8

31...♗a6 32.♗xa4 ♖b8⇄

32.♗xa4 f5 33.♗c2 fxe4 34.♗xe4 a6

34...♕e7!?=

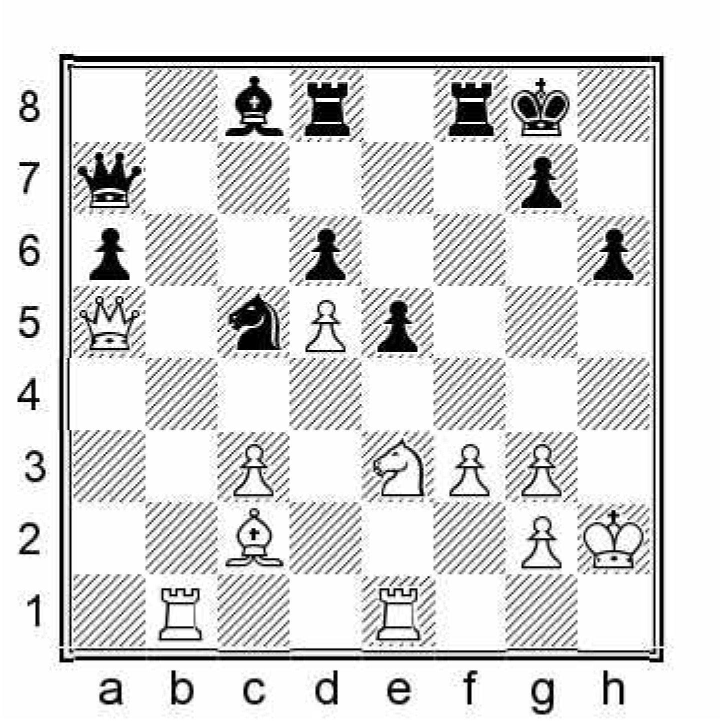
35.♗c2 ♗d7

35...♕e7 36.♕b4 ♗d7=

36.♕a5 ♕a7 37.♔h2 ♗c8

37...♖b8!?=

38.♖ab1



38...♕e7

38...♕f7!? 39.♕b4 a5 40.♕h4 ♕c7=

39.♖b6 ♗d7

⌓39...h5 40.♕b4 e4 41.♗xe4 h4 42.g4 ♕e5+ 43.♔g1 ♘xe4 44.♘f1 a5 45.♕xe4 ♕xc3=

40.♕b4 ♗b5

40...♖f4! 41.♕b1 ♖f6 42.♖b8 ♖ff8=

41.c4 ♗d7 42.♘d1 ♗f5 43.♗xf5 ♖xf5 44.♘f2 ♖df8

44...e4!?=

45.♕d2 ♖h5+ 46.♔g1 ♖g5 47.g4 ♖g6

47...e4 48.f4 ♖g6 49.♖c6 ♖e8 50.♖e3 ♖f6=

48.♖c6 ♖gf6

48...♕b7

49.♘e4 ♘xe4 50.♖xe4 ♕b7

⌓50...♖b8 51.♖xa6 ♖b1+ 52.♖e1 ♕b7 53.♖a8+ ♕xa8 54.♖xb1 ♖f4 55.♕c2 ♕c8=

51.♕a2

51.c5 dxc5 52.♖xc5±

51...♕a7+

51...♖f4 52.♖xf4 ♖xf4 53.♖xd6 ♕b4 54.♖d8+ ♔f7 55.♕f2 ♖d4 56.♖c8 ♕c3 57.♖c6 ♕c1+ 58.♔h2 ♔g8=

52.♔h1

52.c5 dxc5 53.♕c4±

52...a5

52...♕e7 53.♖xa6 ♖f4 54.♕e2 ♖xe4 55.♕xe4 ♖f4 56.♕e2 ♖d4=

53.c5 dxc5 54.♖xe5 ♕d7

54...a4 55.d6+ (55.♖xf6 gxf6 56.♖e4 a3∞) 55...♕f7 56.♕d2 a3 57.♖e7 a2 58.♖a6 ♕b3 59.♔h2 ♔h7 60.♖xa2 ♖xd6 61.♕xd6 ♕xa2 62.♕xc5±

55.♖xf6

55.♕c4 ♖6f7 56.♔h2 ♕b7 57.♖xc5 ♕b8 58.♕d4 ♖f6 59.♕c3 ♕d6 60.♔h3 ♕a6 61.♕e3 ♕b6 62.♖e7 ♔h8 63.♕c3 ♕b4 64.♖a7 ♕b1 65.♔h2 ♕b4 66.♖axa5+-

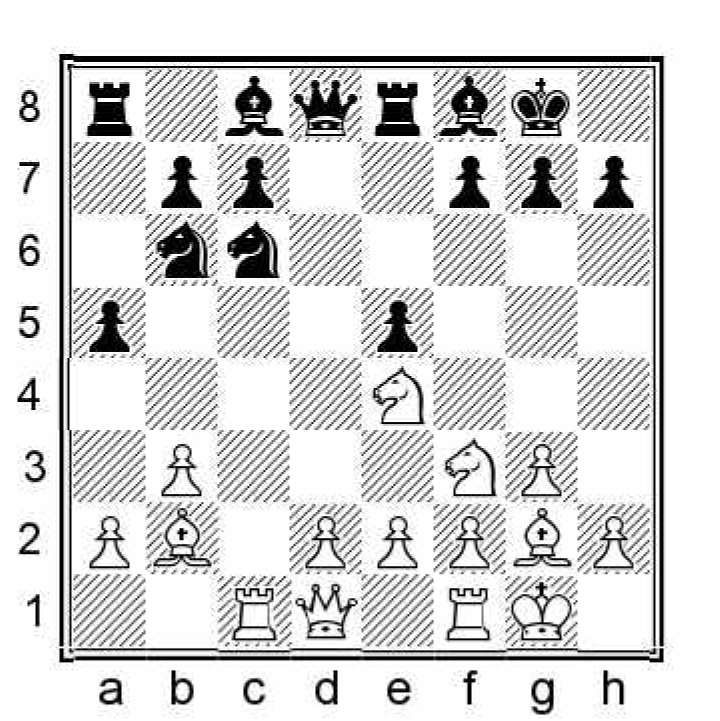
55...gxf6

55...♖xf6 56.♕xa5 ♕d6 57.♕e1 c4=

56.d6+ ♕f7 57.♖e6 ♔h8 58.♕e2 ♖d8 59.♖e7 ♕d5 60.♖e8+ 1-0

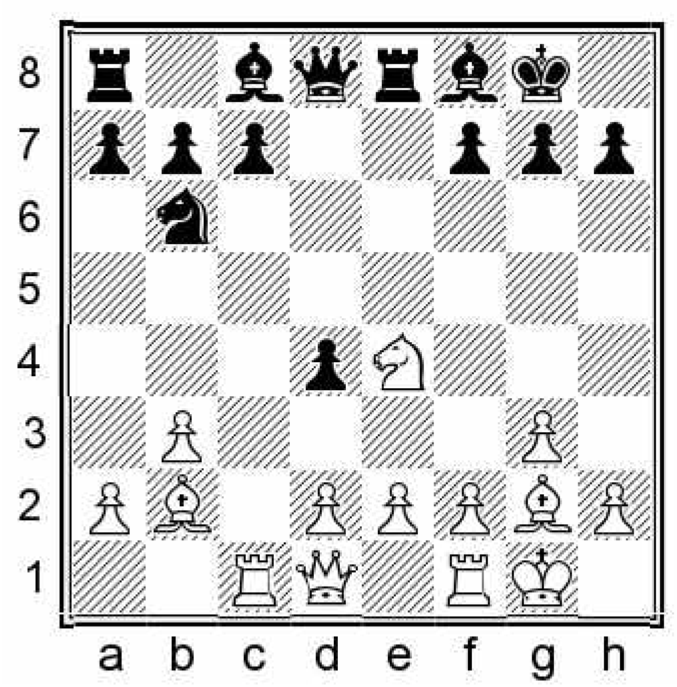
20. * !N A29
Robson, Ray (2681) - Aronian, Levon (2785)
Saint Louis (m/2) 152/20, 2022

1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 e5 3.♗g2 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘c3 ♘b6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.b3 O-O 9.♗b2 ♖e8 10.♖c1 ♗f8 11.♘e4 a5



11...f6 - 104/157

11...♘d4?! 12.♘xd4 exd4



13.e3!± (13.♘c5 ♗xc5 14.♖xc5 ♗g4 15.♖e1 c6⩲) 13...♗f5N (13...d3) 14.♘c5 ♗xc5 15.♖xc5 ♗d3 16.♖e1 dxe3 17.dxe3 c6 18.e4 ♗a6 19.♕g4→ Caruana,F (2781)-Kevlishvili,R (2494) Saint Louis (m/3-blitz) 152/(20) 2022

12.♖xc6!N

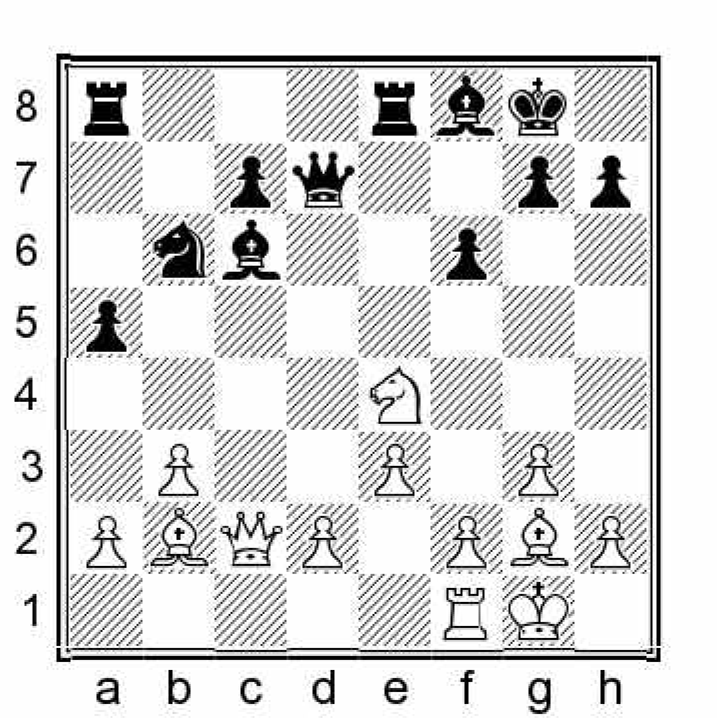
12.♘c5 a4!∞

12...bxc6 13.♘xe5± ♗b7 14.e3

14.♕c2! f6 15.♘d3 ♘d7 16.♘f4 ♕e7 17.e3 ♖ab8 18.d4±

14...f6 15.♘xc6 ♕d7 16.♕c2 ♘d5?!

16...♗xc6!



17.♘xf6+! (17.♘g5?! fxg5 18.♗xc6 ♕e6 19.♗xe8 ♖xe8 20.♕xc7 ♖c8∓) 17...gxf6 18.♗xc6 ♕e6 19.♖c1 ♗d6 20.♕c3 ♗e5 21.d4 ♗d6 22.e4∞

17.♖c1 a4 18.bxa4 ♖e6 19.♕b3!± ♖xc6 20.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 21.♕xb7 ♖a5

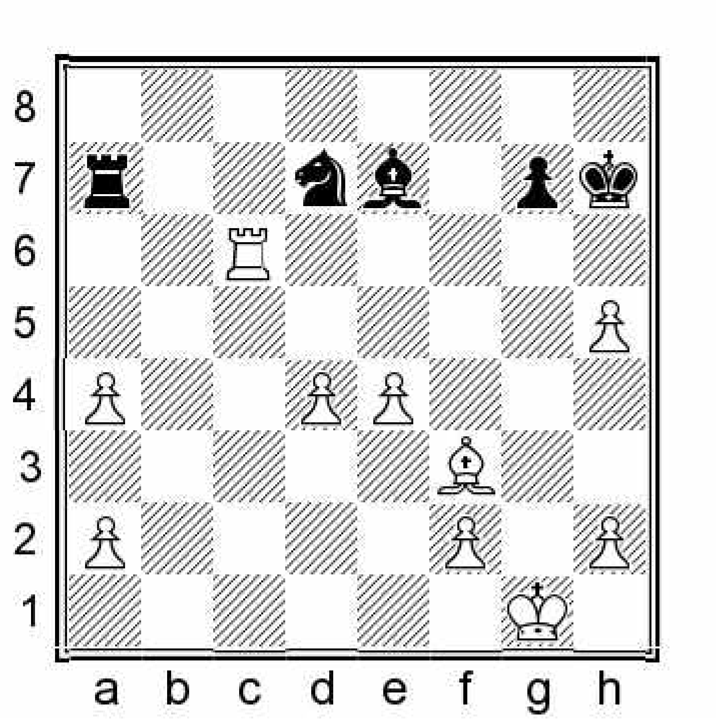
21...♖d8 22.♗xf6 ♘xf6 23.♕b3+ ♔h8 24.d4+-

22.♗xf6 ♘xf6 23.♕b3+ ♔h8 24.♕b8 ♕d6 25.♖c6 ♕b4

25...♕e7 26.♖xc7 ♕d6 27.♖c8+-

26.♕xb4 ♗xb4 27.♖xc7+- h5 28.d4 h4 29.gxh4 ♔h7 30.♖c4 ♗e7 31.♗f3 ♖a7 32.e4 ♘d7 33.h5 ♘b6 34.♖c6 ♗d8

34...♘d7



35.♗d1! ♘f6 36.e5 ♖d7 37.♖c4 ♘d5 38.♗g4 ♖a7 39.♗f3 ♖a5 40.♔g2 ♗h4 41.♗d1 ♖a8 42.♔f3

35.♗d1 ♖c7 36.♖xc7 ♗xc7 37.♔g2 ♔h6 38.e5 ♘d5 39.♔f3 ♘c3 40.♗b3 ♔xh5 41.e6 ♗d6 42.♔e3 ♔g6 43.♔d3 ♘b1 44.a5 ♘a3

44...♔f6 45.♔c4 ♔xe6 46.a6 ♗b8 47.♔c5+ ♔d7 48.♔b6

45.♗a4 ♔f6 46.a6 ♗b8 47.d5 g5 48.h3

48.f4!? gxf4 49.h4 f3 50.♔e3 f2 51.♔xf2 ♘c4 52.h5

48...♗a7 49.f3 ♔e7 50.♗c6 ♗b6 51.♗d7 ♗a7 52.♗a4 ♗b6 53.♔c3 ♘b1+ 54.♔c2 ♘a3+ 55.♔c3 ♘b1+ 56.♔b4 ♔d6 57.e7 ♔xe7 58.♔b5 ♗e3 59.♔c6 ♘c3

59...♔d8 60.♗c2 ♘c3 61.a4 ♘a2 62.♔b7

60.♗b3 ♔d8 61.a4 ♔c8 62.d6 ♗f2 63.♗c2 ♗e3 64.♗b3 ♗f2 65.a5 ♔d8 66.♗c4 ♘a4 67.f4 gxf4 68.h4 ♘c3 69.h5 ♘e4 70.h6 ♘f6

70...♘g5 71.♔b7 ♔d7 72.a7

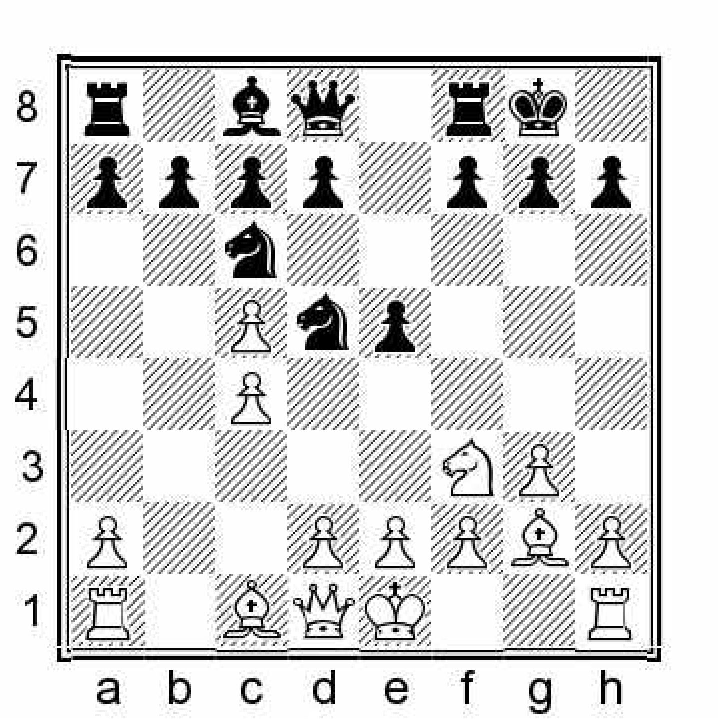
71.♗d3 ♔c8 72.h7 ♘xh7 73.d7+ 1-0

21. !N A29
Kosten, Anthony C (2371) - Gormally, Daniel (2471)
Great Britain 152/21, 2022

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♗b4 5.♗g2 O-O 6.♘d5 ♗c5 7.b4

7.O-O - 145/15

7...♘xd5 8.bxc5



8...♘f6!N =

8...♘db4

9.O-O ♕e7 10.♗a3 e4 11.♘e1 b6 12.♘c2?!

12.d4! exd3 (12...bxc5 13.♗xc5 d6 14.♗a3±) 13.♘xd3 ♘e4 14.♗xe4 ♕xe4 15.cxb6±

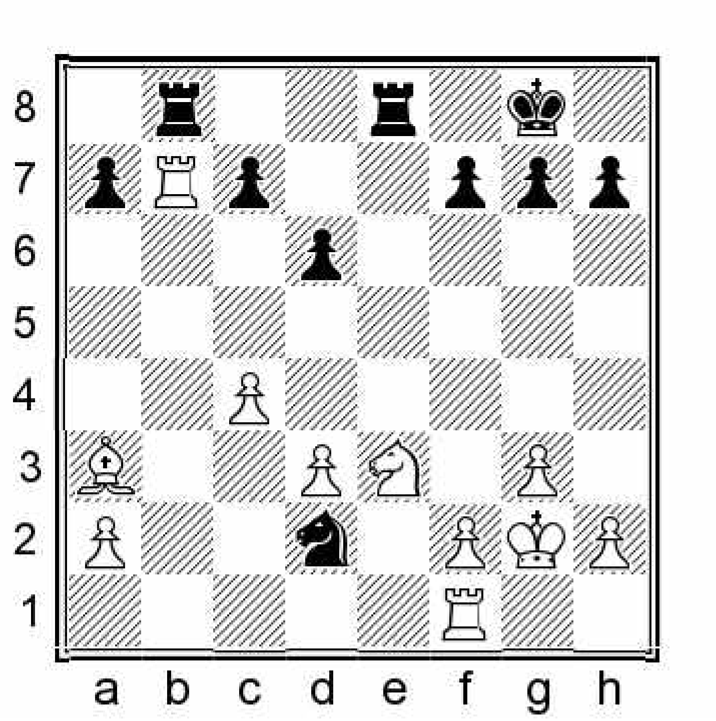
12...bxc5 13.d3 ♖b8 14.dxe4 ♘xe4 15.♕d3?

15.♘e3!∞

15...♖e8 16.♘e3 ♕e5 17.♗xe4

17.♘d5!? ♘b4 (17...f5? 18.f3 ♘f6 19.♗xc5=) 18.♗xb4 cxb4 19.f4 ♕e6∓

17...♕xe4 18.♗xc5 d6 19.♗a3 ♕xd3 20.exd3 ♘d4 21.♖ab1 ♗b7 22.♖b2 ♘f3+ 23.♔g2 ♘d2+ 24.♖xb7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24...♖xb7?

24...♘xf1! 25.♖xc7 ♘xe3+ 26.fxe3 ♖xe3 27.♗xd6 ♖b2+ 28.♔h3 h5 29.d4 g5 (29...♖ee2 30.g4 ♖e4-+ (30...hxg4+ 31.♔xg4 ♖e4+ 32.♔f3 ♖xd4 33.c5 ♖xa2 34.♔e3 ♖b4 35.c6 ♖a3+ 36.♔d2 ♖d4+-+)) 30.♗e5 ♖ee2-+

25.♖d1 ♘b1 26.♗c1 f6

26...h5 27.d4 ♘c3 28.♖d2 ♘a4-+; 26...♘c3 27.♖d2 ♖b1 28.♖c2 ♘xa2 29.♖xa2 ♖xc1 30.♖xa7 ♖c3 31.d4 ♖d3 32.d5 ♖c8-+

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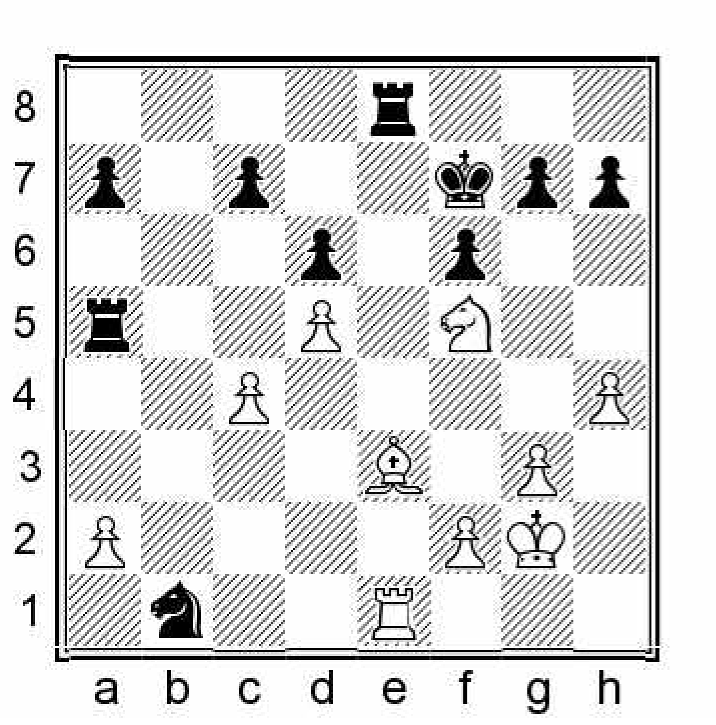
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32.♖xe8 ♔xe8 33.♘xg7+ ♔f7 34.♘e6 c5-+

32...♘a3

32...♘c3! 33.♗d2 ♖xe1 34.♗xc3 ♖e5 (34...♖xa2 35.♗xe1 a5 36.♘d4 a4 37.♘b5 ♖c2-+) 35.♗xa5 ♖xf5 36.♗xc7 ♔e7 37.f4 ♖h5 38.♔f3 f5∓

33.♖c1 g6 34.♘d4 ♖c5 35.♘c2 ♖a5

35...♖xc4 36.♘xa3 ♖xc1 37.♗xc1 ♖e2-+

36.♘d4 ♖a4 37.c5 ♘c4⊕

37...♖c4 38.cxd6 cxd6 39.♖d1 ♘c2 (39...a6-+) 40.♘b5 ♘xe3+ 41.fxe3 ♖c2+ 42.♔f3 ♖b8 43.♘xd6+ ♔e7 44.♘e4 f5-+

38.♗f4! g5

38...dxc5 39.♘b5 ♖d8 40.♘xc7 ♖d7-+; 38...♘b2? 39.cxd6 cxd6 40.♘b5=

39.hxg5 fxg5 40.♗xg5 ♖e5 41.♘f3 ♖xd5 42.cxd6 cxd6 43.♖h1 ♔g7 44.♗h6+ ♔g6 45.♗f4 h5 46.♖e1 ♖xa2 47.♖e6+ ♔f7 48.♖h6 ♔g7 49.♘h4 ♖e2 50.♖g6+ ♔f7 51.♗h6 ♖e6 52.♖g7+ ♔e8 53.♘g6 ♖f5 54.♖g8+ ♔f7 55.♖g7+ ♔f6 56.♘h4 ♖a5 57.♖c7 ♖e4

57...♔e5! 58.♖xc4 ♖xh6 59.f4+ ♔d5

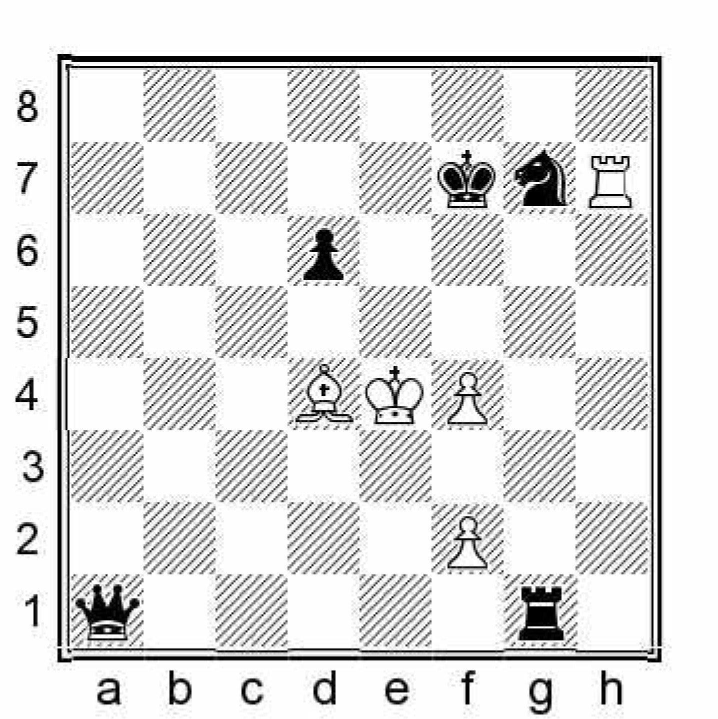
58.♗g7+ ♔e6 59.♘g6 ♘e5 60.♘f4+ ♖xf4?

60...♔f5 61.♘xh5 ♖c4 62.♖e7 ♖a2∓

61.gxf4 ♘g6 62.♗d4 a6 63.♗e3 ♘h4+ 64.♔h3 ♘f5 65.♖h7 h4 66.♔g4 ♖a1 67.♖h8 ♖g1+ 68.♔f3?

68.♔h3!∓

68...a5 69.♖e8+ ♔f7 70.♖a8 h3 71.♖h8 a4 72.♖xh3 a3 73.♖h7+ ♘g7 74.♗d4 a2 75.♔e4 a1=♕??



75...♔g8! 76.♖h6 ♖e1+ 77.♔f3 ♘f5 78.♖h8+ ♔f7 79.♗c3 ♖c1 80.♗b2 ♖b1-+ (80...a1=♕ 81.♗xa1 ♖xa1-+)

76.♖xg7+! ♖xg7 77.♗xa1= ♖g1 78.♗d4 ♔e6 79.f5+ ♔d7 80.f4 ♖g4 81.♗h8 ♖g8 82.♗d4 ♖e8+ 83.♔d5 ♖b8 84.♔e4 ♖b5 85.♗g7 ♖b4+ 86.♗d4 1/2-1/2

22. A29
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2776) - Keymer, Vincent (2655)
Berlin 152/22, 2022

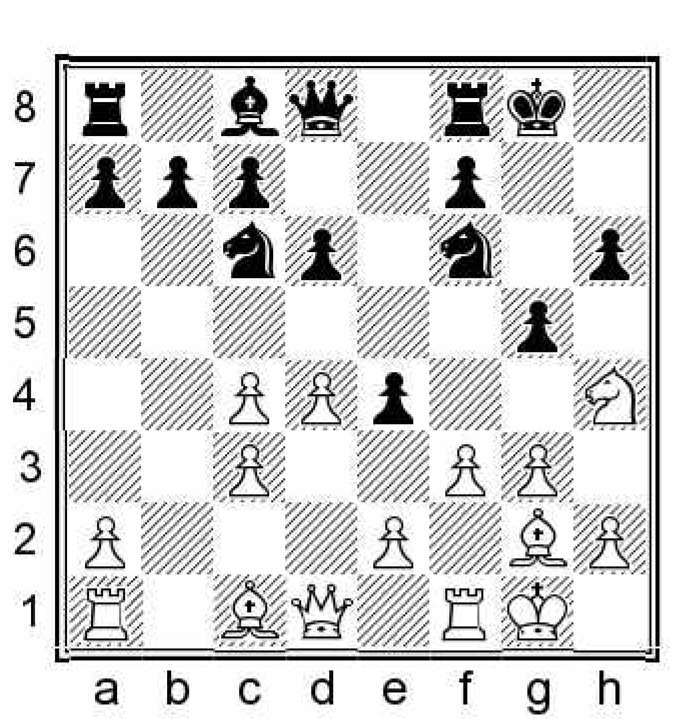
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e5 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♗b4 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O e4 7.♘h4

7.♘g5 - 137/14

7...♗xc3 8.bxc3 d6 9.d4 h6N

9...♖e8

10.f3 g5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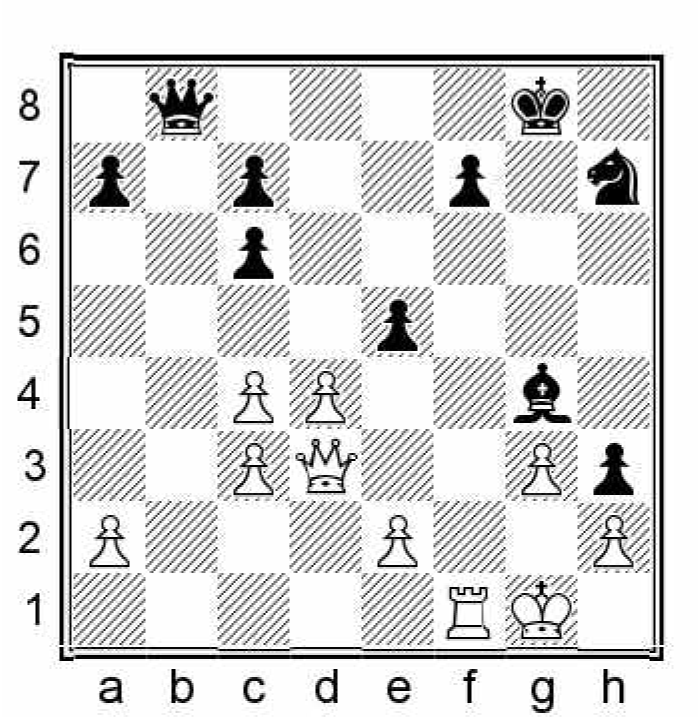
10...e3 11.♕d3! (11.♗xe3 g5∞) 11...♖e8 12.♖e1 (12.♗xe3 ♕e7! 13.♗xh6 gxh6 14.e4=∞) 12...♗e6 (12...♕e7 13.♗f1! ♘a5 14.♘g2±)

11.fxe4!→ gxh4 12.♗xh6 ♘g4

12...♘h7 13.♕d3 h3 14.♗h1 ♗g4 15.♗xf8 ♕xf8 16.♖ab1 ♖b8 17.e5 dxe5 18.♗xc6 bxc6 19.♖xb8 ♕xb8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20.♖xf7! ♘f8 (20...♔xf7 21.♕xh7+ ♔f6 22.dxe5+ ♔xe5 23.♕g7+ ♔f5 24.e4++-) 21.♖e7+-

13.♕d2!

13.♗xf8 hxg3! 14.♗xd6 cxd6 15.♕e1 gxh2+ 16.♔h1 ♕g5 17.♕g3 ♘a5∞

13...hxg3 14.h3!±

14.hxg3?! f6 15.♗xf8 ♕xf8 16.♖f4 ♕g7∞

14...♕h4 15.♗xf8 ♔xf8 16.♕f4 ♕h7

16...♕h5 17.♕xg3 ♘ge5 18.dxe5 ♘xe5 19.♖f4 ♘g6 20.♖f2 ♗e6 21.e5! ♘xe5 22.♗xb7 ♖b8 23.♗d5±

17.♕xg3 ♘h6 18.c5

18.♖f3 ♗d7 19.♖af1 ♗e8 20.c5! dxc5 21.d5 ♕g7 22.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 23.dxc6+-

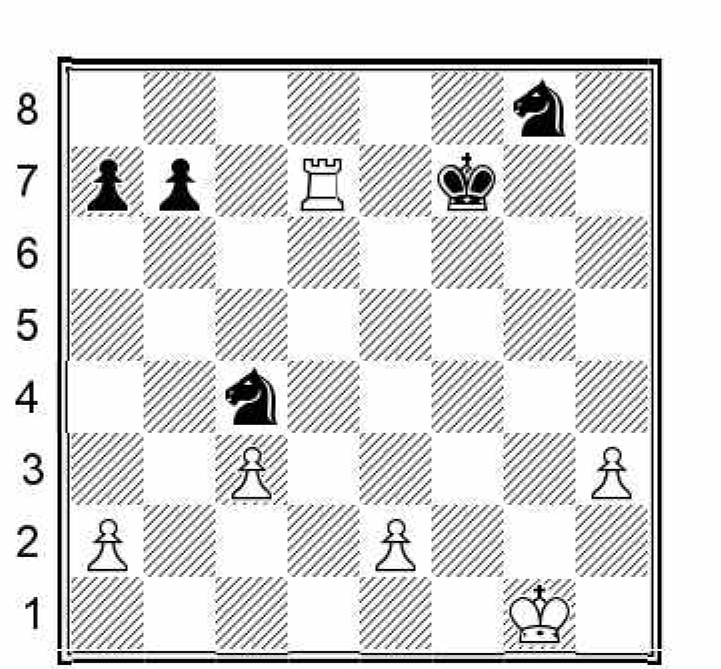
18...♕g7 19.♕xg7+

19.♕h4!? dxc5 20.e3 ♗d7 21.♖f3 ♖e8 22.♖af1+-

19...♔xg7 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.♖ab1 ♘a5 22.♖b5 ♘c4 23.♖g5+ ♔f8 24.♖h5+- ♔g7 25.♖g5+ ♔f8 26.♖f4 ♘g8 27.♗f3

27.♖h4 ♘f6 28.♖h8+ ♔e7 29.h4

27...♗d7 28.♗h5 ♗e8 29.e5 dxe5 30.dxe5 ♖c8 31.e6 ♘d6 32.♖d5 ♖c4 33.♖xc4 ♘xc4 34.exf7 ♗xf7 35.♗xf7 ♔xf7 36.♖d7+



36...♘e7

36...♔e6 37.♖xb7 a5 38.♖b5 ♔d6 39.h4 ♘f6 40.♖f5 ♔e6 41.♖c5

37.♖xb7 a5 38.♖c7 ♘d6 39.♖a7 ♘c4 40.♖c7 ♘d6 41.a4 ♘e4 42.♖c4 ♘g5 43.h4 ♘e6 44.♔f2 ♘f5

44...♘d5 45.♖c6 ♘f6 46.♖a6 ♘e4+ 47.♔e3 ♘xc3 48.♖xa5 ♔f6 49.h5 ♘d1+ 50.♔e4

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55.h8=♕+ ♘xh8 56.♖g5 ♘f7 57.♖xa5 ♔f8 58.♖a6 ♘f4 59.e3

55...♔xh7 56.♔b5 ♘ge5 57.♖g1 ♘d6+ 58.♔xa5 ♘e4 59.♔b4 ♘c6+ 60.♔c4 ♘a5+ 61.♔b5 ♘b3 62.♔b4 ♘bc5 63.a5 1-0

23. A30
Le, Quang Liem (2709) - Hansen, Eric (2606)
Oslo (m/2-rapid) 152/23, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 ♗b7 4.♗g2 c5 5.O-O g6 6.♘c3 d6 7.♖e1 ♗g7 8.e4 e5 9.d4! ♘c6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♘d5 h6

11...O-O - 80/(25)

12.♗d2N

12.b3

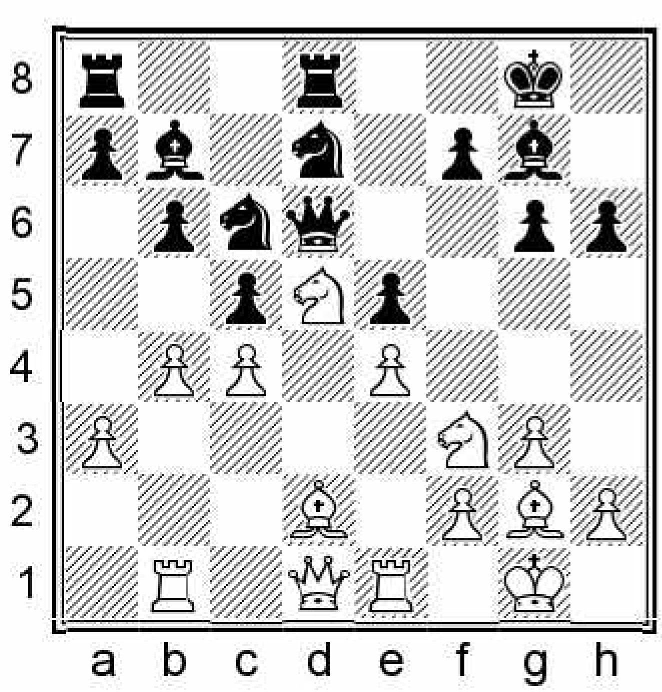
12...O-O 13.a3 ♕d6

13...a5 14.♕b3 ♖a6 15.♖ab1 (15.♖ad1 a4 16.♕d3 ♘d7 17.♗h3±) 15...♗c8 16.♕b5 ♗b7 17.♕a4 ♖e8 18.♖bd1 ♘d7 19.h4!?±

14.♖b1

14.♕a4!? ♖fd8 15.b4 ♘d7 16.♖ab1 ♘d4 17.♘xd4 cxd4 18.♖ec1 ♖dc8± (18...♕f8?! 19.c5!±)

14...♖fd8 15.b4± ♘d7



16.h4! h5

16...♖ab8 17.♗h3 ♔h8 18.h5 g5 19.♗c3 ♘d4 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.♗a5! ♗xd5 22.♖xb8 ♖xb8 23.cxd5±

17.♗g5 f6 18.♗e3 ♖ab8 19.♖e2

19.♗h3!? ♘d4 20.♘d2 ♔h8 21.♔h2 ♗c8 22.♖g1! ♘f8 23.g4→

19...♘d4 20.♖eb2 ♗c6 21.bxc5?!

21.a4! ♔h8 22.a5±

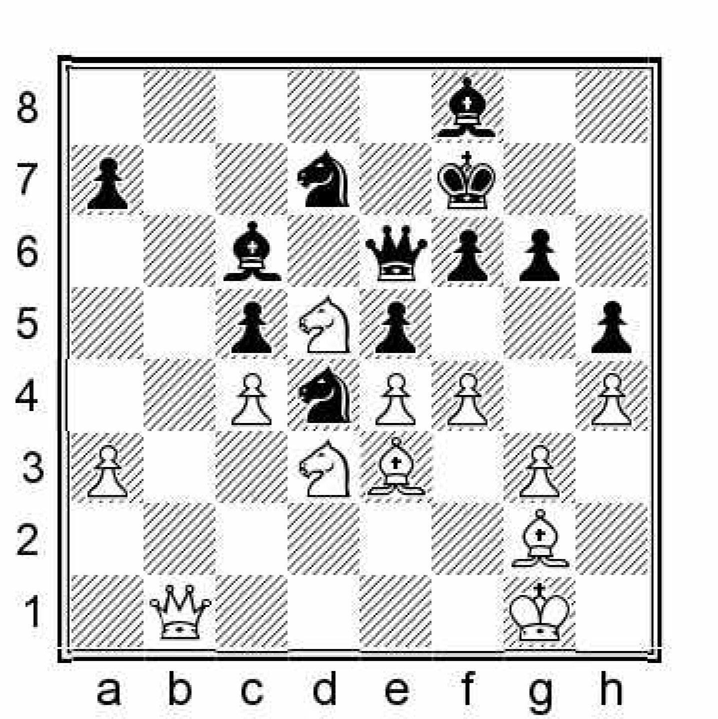
21...bxc5 22.♖xb8 ♖xb8 23.♖xb8+ ♘xb8 24.♘e1 ♘d7

24...♔h7 25.♗h3 ♗e8 26.♘d3 ♘bc6 27.♕b1±

25.♕b1

25.♗h3 ♘b6! 26.♗f1 ♗f8 27.♕d2 ♔f7 28.♗h6 f5 29.♗xf8 ♔xf8 30.♕h6+ ♔g8∞

25...♔f7 26.♘d3 ♗f8 27.f4 ♕e6?!



27...♗xd5! 28.exd5 ♕b6 29.♕xb6 axb6 30.♔f2 ♗d6 31.♗h3 f5 32.fxe5 ♘xe5 33.♘xe5+ ♗xe5=

28.f5!

28.♗xd4!? cxd4 29.f5 gxf5 30.♗h3→

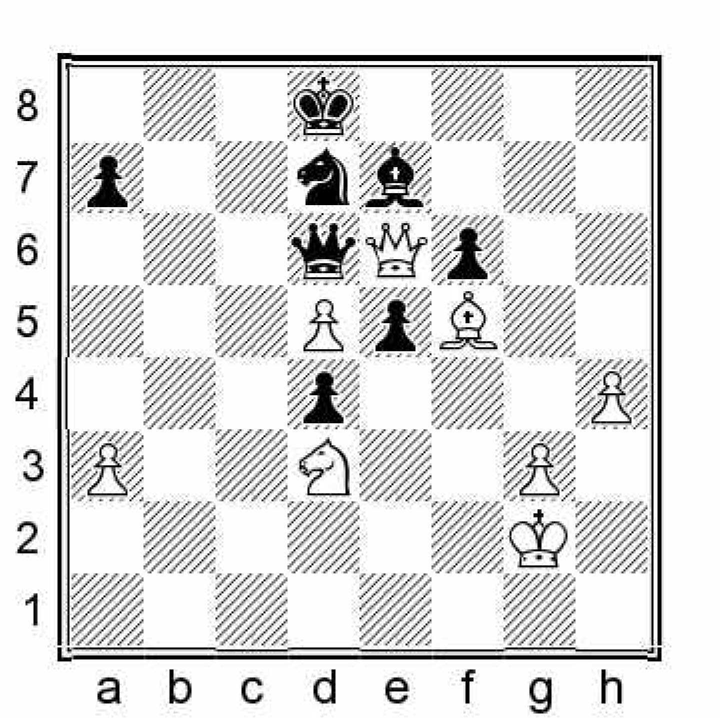
28...gxf5 29.♕d1 ♗xd5 30.exd5 ♕a6 31.♗xd4 cxd4 32.♕xh5+ ♔e7 33.♕xf5 ♕xc4 34.♕e6+

34.h5 ♕a4 35.♗h3 ♕d1+ 36.♔h2 ♕c2+ 37.♗g2 a5 38.a4! ♕xa4 39.h6 ♗xh6 40.♕h7++-

34...♔d8 35.♗h3 ♕c7 36.♔g2

36.♘b4 ♕c1+ 37.♔h2 ♕b2+ 38.♗g2 ♕xa3 39.♘c6+ ♔c7 40.♕e8 ♕b2 41.♕d8+ ♔d6 42.♘xa7 e4 43.♘c8++-

36...♗e7 37.♗f5 ♕d6



38.h5

38.♘c5! ♕xe6 39.♘xe6+ ♔c8 40.h5 ♔b7 41.h6+-

38...♕xe6 39.dxe6+- ♘b6 40.♘b4 ♔e8 41.h6 ♔f8 42.♘c6 ♘d5 43.♗e4 ♘e3+ 44.♔f3 ♗xa3

44...f5 45.♘xe7 fxe4+ 46.♔xe4 ♘g4 47.♘f5

45.e7+ ♗xe7 46.♘xe7 a5 47.♘f5 ♘xf5 48.♗xf5 ♔f7 49.♗c2 a4 50.♗xa4 ♔g6 51.♔e4 ♔xh6 52.♔f5 ♔g7 53.♗b5 ♔f7 54.♗d3 ♔e7 55.g4 ♔f7 56.♗e2 ♔e7 57.♗c4 1-0

24. A35
Robson, Ray (2676) - Lenderman, Aleksandr (2600)
Saint Louis 152/24, 2022

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 g6 4.e3 ♘f6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.h3

7.cxd5 - 135/21

7...♗g7 8.c5 O-O 9.♗b5 ♘e4 10.O-O ♘xc3 11.bxc3 ♕c7 12.♖e1 ♗d7

12...♗f5 13.♗g5 ♖fe8 14.♕d2 ♗e4 15.♗f4 ♕a5 16.♗xc6 bxc6 17.♘e5±

13.♗g5N

13.a4; 13.♗d3

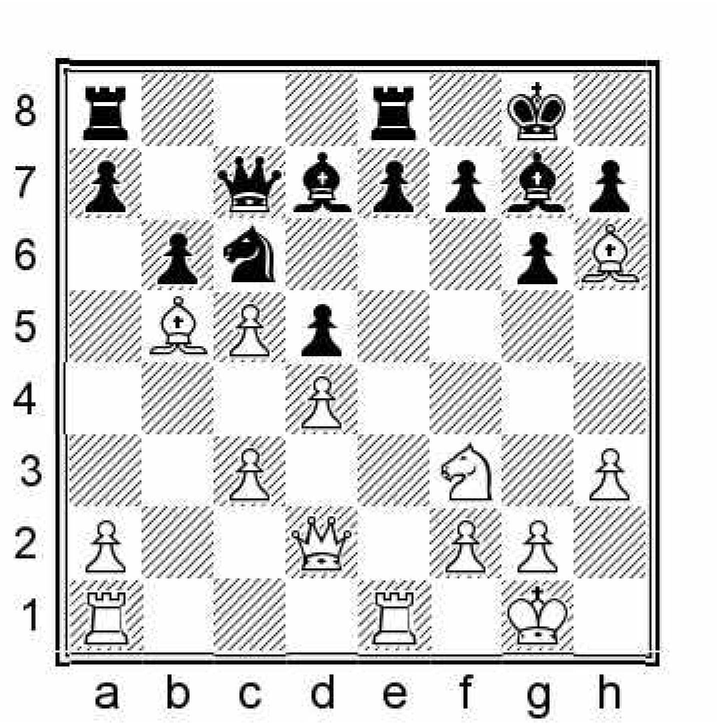
13...♖fe8 14.♕d2

14.♗h4 b6 15.♗g3 ♕c8 16.cxb6 axb6 17.♗f1 ♖a3=

14...b6

14...♘a5 15.♗f1 (15.♗d3 f6 16.♗f4 e5 17.♗g3 ♖e7 18.♗f1 ♗c6 19.♖ad1±) 15...f6 16.♗f4± Δe5? 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.♘xe5 ♗xe5 19.♕xd5+ ♗e6 20.♗xe5+-

15.♗h6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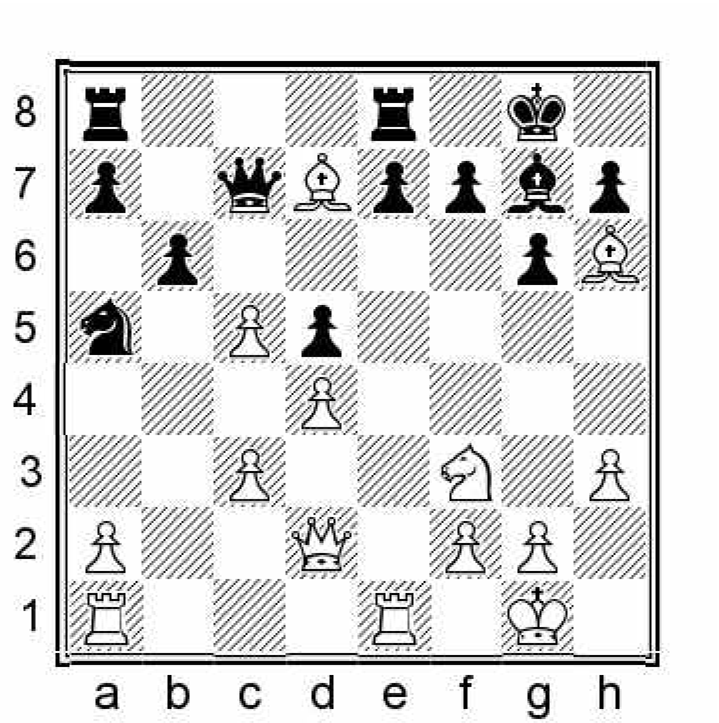
15...♗h8?!

15...♘a5! 16.♗xd7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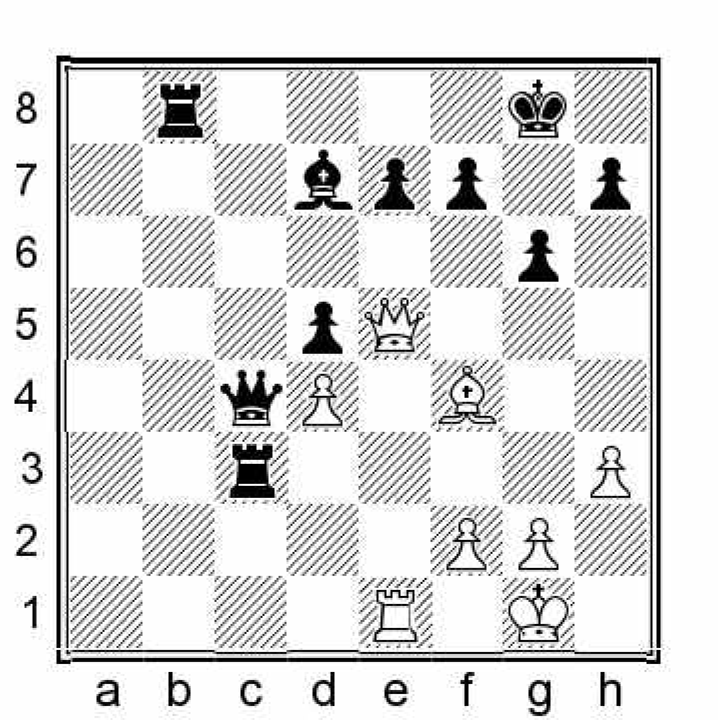
(16.♗f4 ♕c8 17.♗xd7 ♕xd7 18.cxb6 ♘c4 19.♕e2 axb6∓) 16...♘c4! (16...♕xd7 17.♗xg7 ♔xg7 18.♘e5±) 17.♕f4 (17.♗xe8 ♘xd2 18.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 19.♘g5+ ♔g8 20.♗xg7 (20.♘e6 ♕d7 21.♗xd2 ♗f6 22.a4 bxc5 23.♘xc5 ♕f5 24.♖ab1 ♕c2∓) 20...bxc5 21.♗e5 ♕a5∞) 17...♕xd7 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.cxb6 axb6 20.♘e5 ♘xe5 21.♕xe5+ ♔g8 22.♖ab1 ♕c6=

16.cxb6

16.♗f4 ♕c8 17.cxb6 axb6 18.♗f1 ♘a5 19.♖ab1 ♘c4 20.♗xc4 ♕xc4 21.♖xb6 ♖xa2 22.♕e3 ♖c2 23.♘e5 ♗xe5 24.♕xe5 f6∞ (24...♖xc3? 25.♖b8! ♖xb8



26.♗h6! f6 27.♕xe7+-)

16...axb6 17.h4 ♘a5 18.♗d3 ♘c4 19.♗xc4 dxc4 20.h5 ♗f5 21.♗f4 ♕b7 22.♖e3 ♖a5 23.♖ae1± ♕a8?

23...e6 24.♘e5 ♖ea8 25.♘xc4 ♖xa2 26.♕d1±

24.♖xe7+- ♖xe7 25.♖xe7 ♗f6 26.♕e3 ♗xe7 27.♕xe7 f6 28.♗h6 ♖a7 29.♕xf6 b5 30.♘e5 ♕e8 31.d5 ♕e7 32.♕b6 ♖a8 33.♘c6 ♕d7 34.♕xb5 ♗d3 35.d6! ♕e6

35...♕xd6 36.♕b7

36.♕b7 ♕e1+ 37.♔h2 1-0

25. A37
Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2651) - Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701)
Beograd 152/25, 2022

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♘c6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.♘f3 d6 6.O-O e6 7.e3 ♘ge7 8.d4 O-O 9.♖b1

9.♖e1 - 143/17

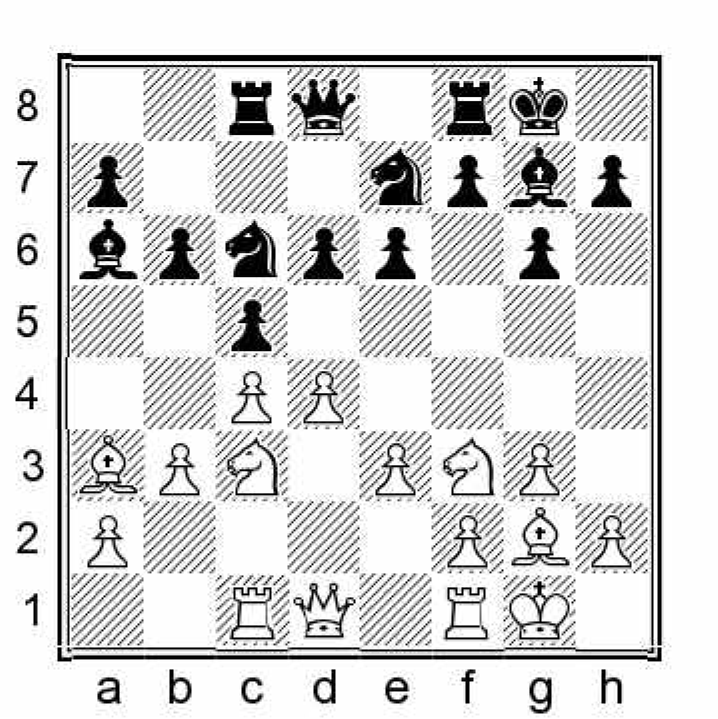
9...b6 10.b3 ♗a6 11.♗a3N

11.♖e1

11...♖c8

11...♘f5 12.g4 ♘h6 (12...♘h4? 13.♘xh4 ♕xh4 14.♗xc6+-) 13.h3 f5 14.♘h2 ♖c8 15.d5 ♗xc3 16.dxc6 ♗g7∞

12.♖c1



12...d5!

12...cxd4!? 13.♘xd4 (13.exd4 d5 14.♘b5 dxc4 15.bxc4 ♘a5) 13...♘xd4 14.exd4 d5 15.♖e1 dxc4 16.d5 cxb3 17.♕xb3 ♗c4 18.♕a4 ♘xd5 19.♘xd5 exd5 20.♗xf8 ♗xf8 21.♖ed1 b5≅

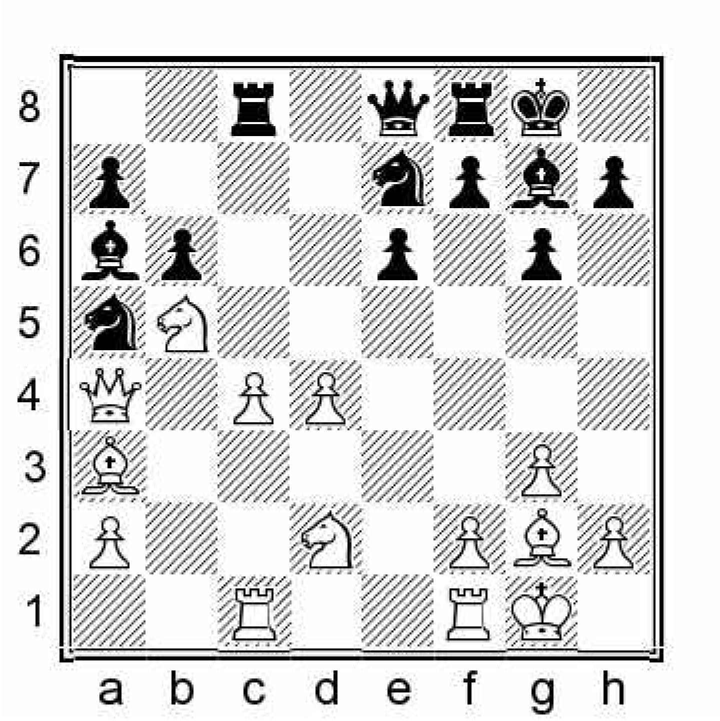
13.♘b5 cxd4 14.exd4

14.♘d6 ♖c7 15.♘b5 ♖d7 (15...♖c8=) 16.♘fxd4 ♘xd4 17.♘xd4 ♖e8 18.♗xe7 ♕xe7 19.♖e1 dxc4 20.♗c6 ♖xd4 21.exd4 ♖d8 22.d5 c3 23.♕f3 ♗c8!≅

14...dxc4 15.bxc4 ♘a5!∓

15...♗h6?! 16.♘d6! ♖c7 17.♕a4 ♗xc1 18.♖xc1→

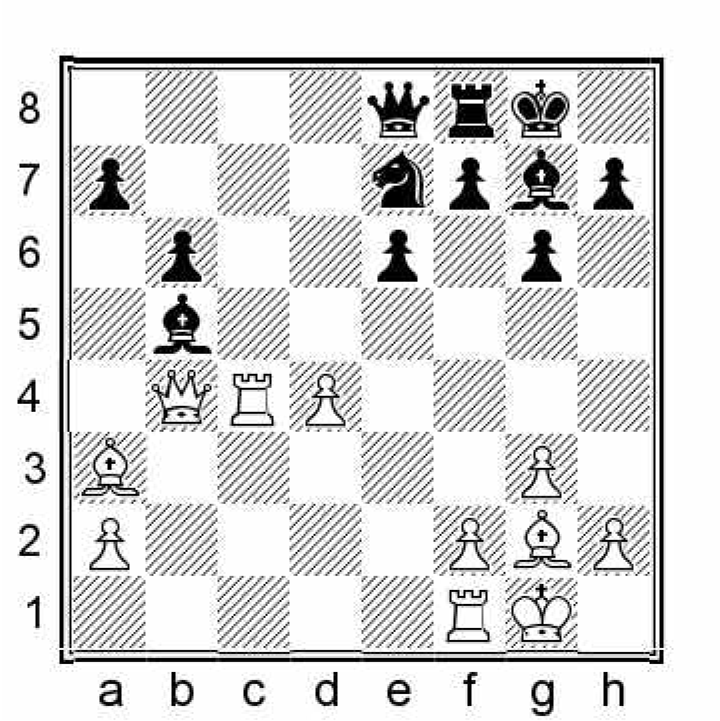
16.♕a4 ♕e8 17.♘d2



17...♖xc4! 18.♘xc4

18.♖xc4 ♗xb5 19.♕b4 ♘xc4 20.♘xc4 ♘f5-+

18...♗xb5 19.♕b4 ♘xc4 20.♖xc4



20...♗xc4

20...a5! 21.♕c3 ♗xc4 22.♕xc4 b5 23.♕c5 ♘f5 24.♗c6 ♕b8 25.♕xb5 ♘xd4∓

21.♕xc4 ♕d7 22.♗xe7 ♕xe7 23.d5 ♖d8 24.♖c1

24.dxe6 ♕xe6 25.♕xe6 fxe6 26.♖c1 ♗d4 27.♖c7 b5 28.♗c6 ♖f8 29.♗xb5 ♖xf2 30.♔h1 ♖xa2 31.♗c4

♖a1+ 32.♔g2 ♖e1∓

24...exd5

24...e5!? 25.♕c7 ♖d7 26.♕c8+ ♗f8∓

25.♗xd5 ♗f8 26.♕d4 ♗g7 27.♕d3

27.♕c4 ♖d7∓

27...♗f6 28.♕f3 ♔g7 29.♖c6 ♗d4 30.♖c2 ♖d6 31.♔g2 ♕d7 32.♗b3 b5 33.♖d2 a5 34.♕f4 a4 35.♗d1 ♕c6+-+ 36.♗f3

36.♕f3 ♕c5 37.♕e4 ♗xf2!

36...♕c5 37.♕e4 b4 38.♕b1 ♖f6

38...b3 39.axb3 ♕b4 40.♖d3 a3 41.h4 ♖f6 42.♕a2 ♗b2

39.♕d1 ♗c3 40.♖d8 b3 41.axb3 a3 42.♖a8 ♖d6 43.b4 ♗xb4 44.♕a1+ ♔h6 45.♗b7 ♕b6 46.♗e4 ♖d2 47.♕e1 ♕d4 48.♖a4 a2 49.♗f3 ♖c2 0-1

26. A43
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679) - Fier, Alexandr (2569)
chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/26, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.e4 O-O 6.♗e2 d6 7.O-O ♗g4

7...♘a6 8.h3 ♘c7 9.a4 a6 (9...b6 10.♗f4 a6 11.♖e1 ♗b7 (11...♖b8 12.e5±) 12.♗c4 ♕d7 13.♕d3 ♖ad8 14.♖ab1!?) 10.♗f4 ♖b8 11.e5 dxe5 (11...♘fe8 12.♖b1 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.b4 c4 15.♘d4±) 12.♘xe5 ♘fxd5 13.♘xd5 ♘xd5 14.♘xf7!±

8.h3

8.a4 ♘a6 9.♖e1 ♘d7 10.h3 ♗xf3 11.♗xf3 ♘c7 12.♗e2 Δ Bf1±

8...♗xf3 9.♗xf3 ♘a6

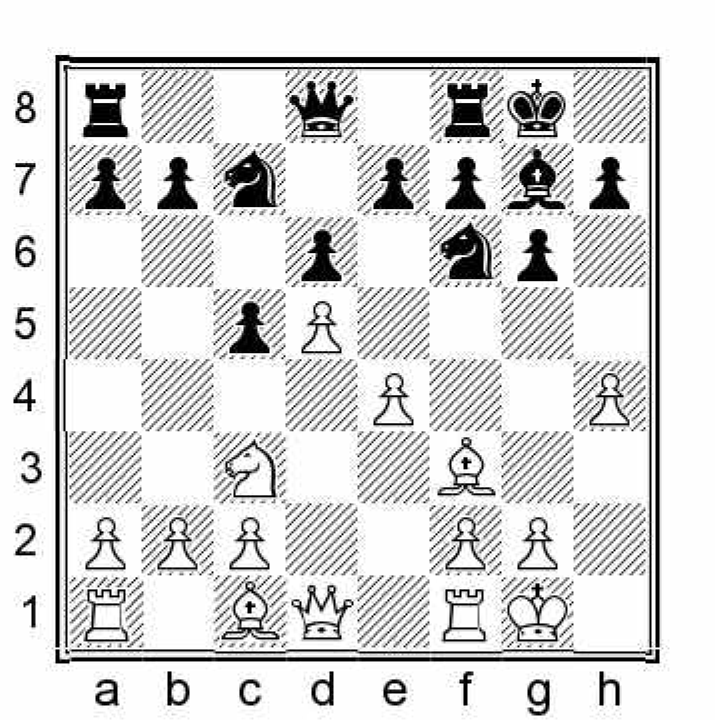
9...♘bd7 10.♗f4 ♘e8 (10...a6 11.a4 b6 12.♕d2 ♖b8 13.♕d3!? ♕c8 14.♗e2±) 11.♕d2 ♘c7 12.a4 ♖e8 13.♗e2 a6 14.♗g5±

10.h4!?

10.♗e3 - 3/359

10.♗e2 ♘c7 11.a4 a6 12.♖e1 (12.a5 ♘b5⇄) 12...b6 (12...♖b8 13.a5 b5 14.axb6 ♖xb6 15.♗f1 ♘d7 16.♖a2±) 13.♗g5 ♖b8 14.f4 ♖e8!? (14...♘d7 15.e5) 15.♗f3 ♘d7 16.e5 f6∞

10...♘c7



11.a4!?N

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11...b6

11...h5 12.g3 ♕d7 13.♗g2 ♖ab8 (13...♘g4 14.♗h3 ♖ad8 15.♕e2 Δ f3) 14.♗f4 ♖fe8 15.♕d3 ♖bd8 16.♘d1!?±

12.♖b1!?

12.h5 ♘d7 13.♗e2⩲

12...a6

12...h5 13.g3 ♕d7 14.♗g2 ♘g4 15.♖a1!? (15.♗h3 ♗xc3 16.bxc3 ♕xa4∞) 15...♖ad8 16.♕e2±

13.h5 b5 14.h6↑ ♗h8 15.axb5 axb5 16.b4 ♘d7 17.♗b2

17.♗d2 ♖a3 18.♕e1 c4⇄; 17.♕d2!? cxb4 18.♖xb4 ♕c8!? (18...♖a5 19.♗e2 ♕b8 20.♕e3±) 19.♗e2 (19.♗g4 ♘a6 20.♖b3 ♕b7!? 21.♖xb5 ♕c7 22.♗b2 ♘e5=∞; 19.♘xb5 ♘xb5 20.♖xb5 ♖a4 21.♕e3 ♖c4 22.♗b2 ♗xb2 23.♖xb2 ♖xc2 24.♖xc2 ♕xc2 25.♕a7 ♖d8 26.♗g4 ♕c5!=) 19...♘a6 20.♖b3 b4 21.♘d1 ♘dc5 22.♖e3 ♘a4 Δ Nc3⇄

17...cxb4

17...♘e5!? 18.bxc5 (18.♗e2 cxb4 19.♘xb5 ♘xb5 20.♗xb5 ♕b6⇄) 18...♘c4 19.cxd6 exd6 20.♕d3 ♘xb2 21.♖xb2 ♕f6 22.♘d1 ♕h4 23.♖b3 ♕xh6=

18.♘e2 ♘e5 19.♘d4 ♕d7

⌓19...e6 20.♘c6 (20.dxe6 fxe6 21.♗e2 ♕h4⇄) 20...♘xc6 21.♗xh8 ♔xh8 22.dxc6 ♖a6 23.♖xb4 ♖xc6∞

20.♗e2 ♘c4

20...e6 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.♘f3 ♘c6 23.♗xh8 ♔xh8 24.♘d4±

21.♗xc4!?

21.♗a1 Δ Nc6±

21...bxc4 22.♘c6 e5

22...♗xb2 23.♖xb2 f5 24.♖xb4 fxe4 25.♖b7 e6 26.♕d4 exd5 27.♘b4±; ⌓22...c3 23.♗c1 f5 24.♖xb4 fxe4 25.♖xe4 e6 26.♘b4±

23.♗c1 b3 24.cxb3 c3

24...♘b5 25.♕g4!± Δf5 26.exf5 ♖xf5 27.bxc4 ♘d4 28.♖d1 ♘xc6 29.dxc6 ♕xc6 30.c5!+-

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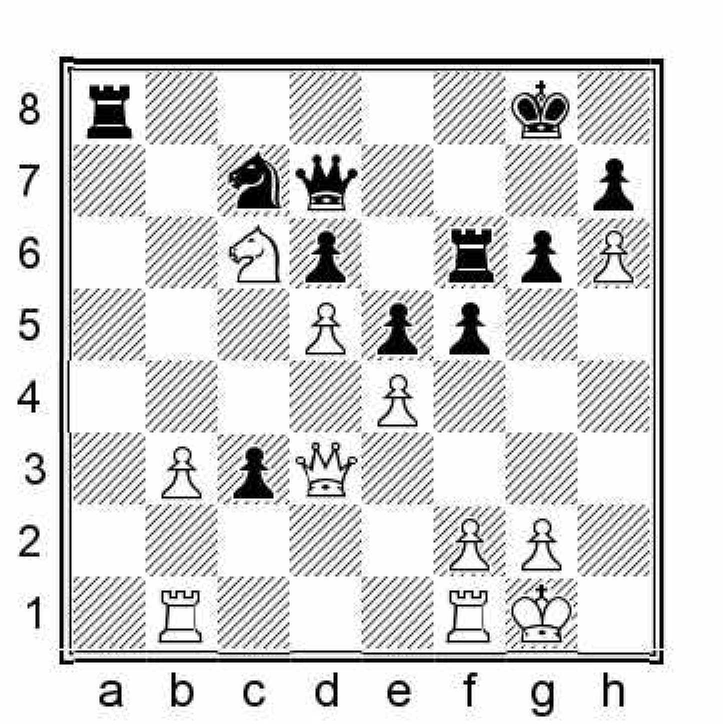
26.♕xc3± Δ♘b5 27.♕d3 ♘d4 28.b4 f4 29.♘xd4 exd4 30.f3+-

26...♗f6 27.♗xf6 ♖xf6



28.f3?!

28.♖a1! ♖af8 (28...♖xa1 29.♖xa1 fxe4 30.♕xe4 ♖f7 (30...♕f7 31.♕c4!±) 31.♖c1! ♕f5 32.♕xf5 gxf5 33.♖xc3 ♘xd5 34.♖g3+! ♔f8 35.♖d3± Δ♘e7 36.♘xe5!+-) 29.♖a7 fxe4 30.♕xe4 g5 (30...♖8f7 31.♖b7±) 31.♕e3 ♖8f7 32.♕xg5+ ♖g6 33.♕d8+ ♕xd8 34.♘xd8 ♖e7 35.♖a5±

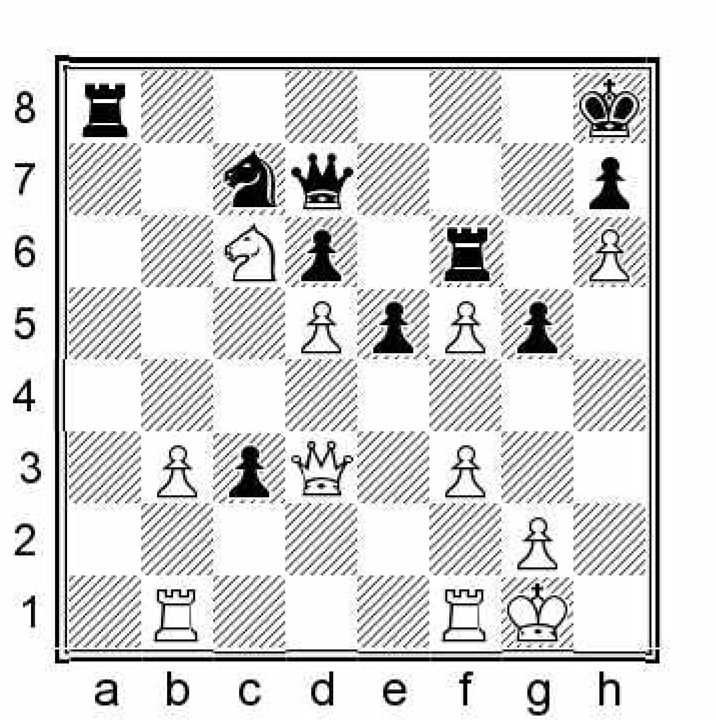
28...g5

28...♘e6! 29.♕xc3 ♘f4 30.♕c4 ♖af8⇄ 31.♖a1 (31.g3? fxe4! 32.gxf4 ♖xf4 33.♘xe5 ♕e7-+; 31.b4?! g5! 32.exf5 ♕b7!∓) 31...♕b7 32.g3 ♕b6+ (32...fxe4 33.gxf4 ♖xf4 34.♕a6! ♕xb3 35.♖a3) 33.♔h2 ♕e3 34.gxf4 ♕xf4+ 35.♔g2 ♕g5+ 36.♔f2 fxe4 37.♕xe4 ♖xf3+ 38.♕xf3 ♖xf3+ 39.♔xf3 ♕f4+ 40.♔e2 ♕e4+=

29.exf5

29.♕xc3 ♖xh6 30.b4 ♘b5 31.♕e3 ♕g7 32.♖a1±

29...♔h8



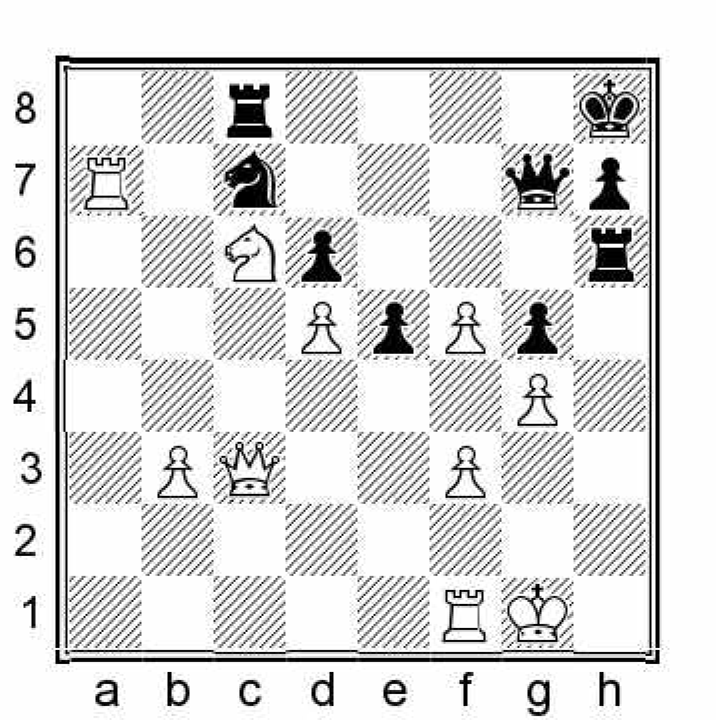
⌓29...♖e8 30.♖bc1 ♕xf5 31.♕xf5 ♖xf5 32.♖xc3 ♘xd5 33.♖d3 ♘f4 34.♖xd6 e4 35.♘d4 ♖d5±

30.g4?!⊕

30.♖a1!± ♖af8 31.♖a7 ♖xh6 32.♖c1 ♕f7 33.♕xc3 ♕xf5 34.♖xc7 g4 35.♖e1! gxf3 36.♕xf3 ♕xf3 37.gxf3 ♖xf3 38.♖a1 ♖g6+ 39.♔h2 ♖f2+ 40.♔h1 ♖f8 41.♖a2+-

30...♖xh6⇄ 31.♖f2

31.♖a1 ♖c8 32.♖a7 ♕g7 33.♕xc3



33...♘b5! (33...♘xd5? 34.♕a5±) 34.♖xg7 ♘xc3 35.♖d7 ♘e2+ 36.♔f2 ♖h2+ 37.♔e1 (37.♔e3? ♘f4-+) 37...♘f4 38.♖xd6 ♘d3+ 39.♔d1 ♘b2+ 40.♔c1 ♘d3+=

31...♕f7

31...♕g7 32.♕xc3 ♘xd5 33.♖a1□ ♖e8 34.♕c4 ♘f4 35.♖a7 d5 36.♕a4! ♕f8 37.♘xe5 ♖xe5 38.♖a8 ♖e1+ 39.♖f1 ♘h3+ 40.♔g2 ♘f4+=

32.♕xc3 ♘xd5 33.♕c4□ ♔g7 34.♖d2 ♘b6?⊕

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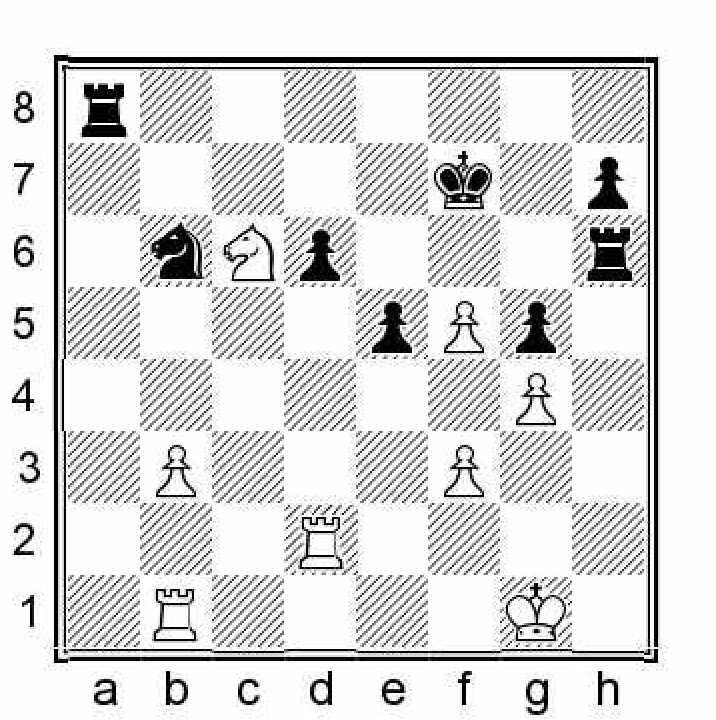
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36.♖bd1!± d5

36...♖c8 37.♘b4 d5 38.♘xd5 ♘xd5 39.♖xd5 ♖b6 40.♖1d3±

37.♘xe5+ ♔e7

37...♔f8 38.♖c2 ♖a7 39.♘c6 ♖c7 40.♖dc1 ♖d6 41.♘d4+-

38.♔g2 ♖a3 39.♖d3 ♖f6 40.♔g3+- ♔d6

40...♖a2 41.♖c3

41.♘c4+ ♔c5 42.♘xa3 1-0

A50-A99

27. A54
Basso, Pier Luigi (2600) - Dimitrov, Radoslav (2478)
Cattolica 152/27, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.♘c3 e5 4.♘f3 e4 5.♘d2 ♗f5 6.e3 c6 7.♗e2 d5 8.cxd5

8.g4 - 129/28

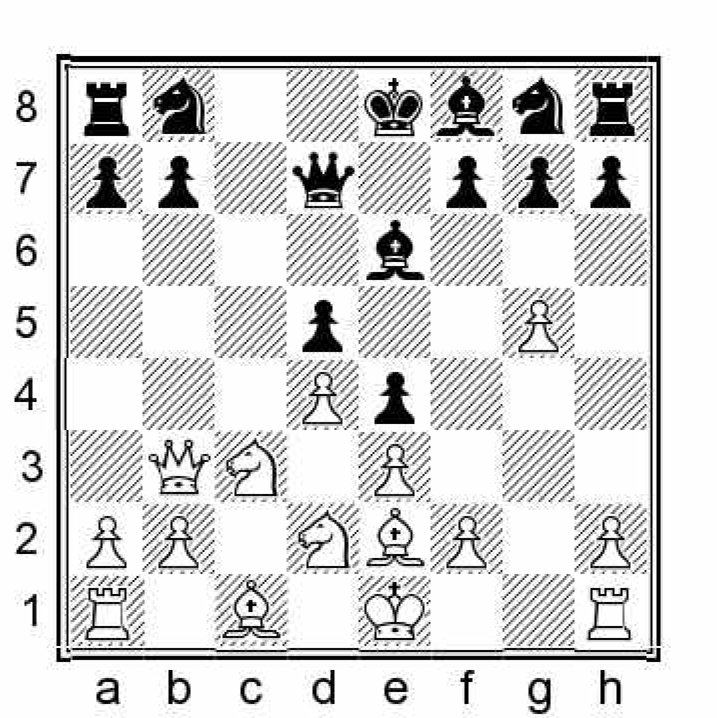
8...cxd5 9.♕b3 ♕d7 10.g4!

10.f3

10...♗e6N

10...♗xg4 11.♗xg4 ♘xg4 12.♘xd5 f5 13.h3 ♘f6 (13...♘h6 14.♘f4 g5 15.♘h5 ♕f7 16.♖g1!→) 14.♘xf6+ gxf6 15.♘c4±

11.g5 ♘g8



12.♘dxe4!

12.f3 exf3 13.♘xf3 ♘c6 14.O-O ♗d6 15.e4 ♘ge7 16.e5 ♗c7 17.♗e3 O-O∓

12...♘c6 13.♘g3 a6 14.♗d2

14.f4!? g6 15.h4 h6 16.♗d2 hxg5 17.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 18.♘xh1 ♘ge7 (18...b5 19.♘f2±) 19.♘a4! ♘c8 20.♖c1 b5 21.♕c3! (21.♘c5 ♗xc5 22.♖xc5 ♘8e7 23.♘f2 ♔f8±) 21...bxa4 22.♕xc6+-

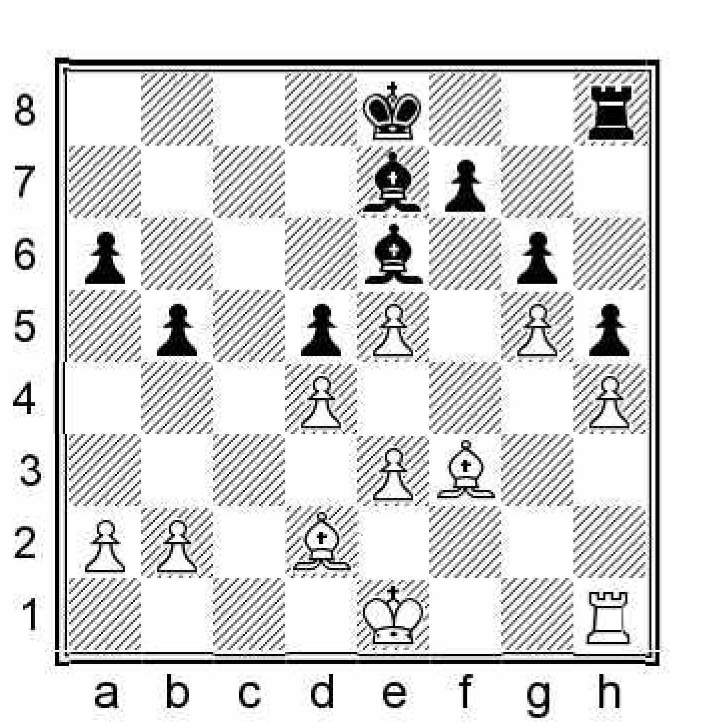
14...b5 15.f4 g6 16.h4 h5 17.♘d1!?

17.f5! ♗d6 (17...gxf5 18.♘xh5 ♖c8 19.♘d1 f4 20.♘f2 fxe3 21.♕xe3+-) 18.♘xh5! gxh5 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.O-O-O ♖c8 21.♔b1 ♘a5 22.♕c2± b4? 23.♕g6++-

17...♘ge7

⌓17...♗d6 18.♘f2 ♘ge7 19.♖c1 ♖c8 (19...O-O 20.O-O (20.♗xh5!? gxh5 21.♘xh5 ♕b7 22.♕c2 ♗f5 23.♕d1∞) 20...♖ac8 21.♗f3±) 20.♘d3±

18.♘f2 ♘f5 19.♘xf5 ♗xf5 20.♖c1± ♗e7 21.♗f3 ♗e6 22.♘d3 ♖d8 23.♕c2 ♖c8 24.♘e5 ♘xe5 25.♕xc8+ ♕xc8 26.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 27.fxe5 ♗e6



28.a3

28.e4!? dxe4 29.♗xe4 ♗xa2 30.♔f2 ♗e6 31.♖a1 ♗c8 32.♖c1+-

28...♔d7 29.♗c3

29.♗b4 ♗xb4+ 30.axb4 ♖c8 31.♔d2 ♖c4 32.b3!+-

29...♔c6 30.♗b4 ♗d8 31.♔d2 ♗c7 32.e4 ♖d8 33.♖c1+ ♔b7 34.♖xc7+ ♔xc7

34...♔xc7 35.♗a5+ ♔c8 36.♗xd8 ♔xd8 37.exd5

1-0

28. A88
Kociscak, Jiri (2484) - Laznicka, Viktor (2647)
Cesko 152/28, 2022

1.d4 f5 2.c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 d6 4.♘f3 g6 5.g3 ♗g7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O c6 8.d5 e5 9.dxe6 ♗xe6 10.b3

♘a6 11.♗b2 ♕e7 12.♘g5 ♗d7 13.♕d2 ♖ad8 14.♖fe1

14.♖ad1 - 49/138

14...h6 15.♘f3 ♘c5 16.♖ad1 ♗c8 17.♕c2 g5N

17...♘ce4

18.♘d4

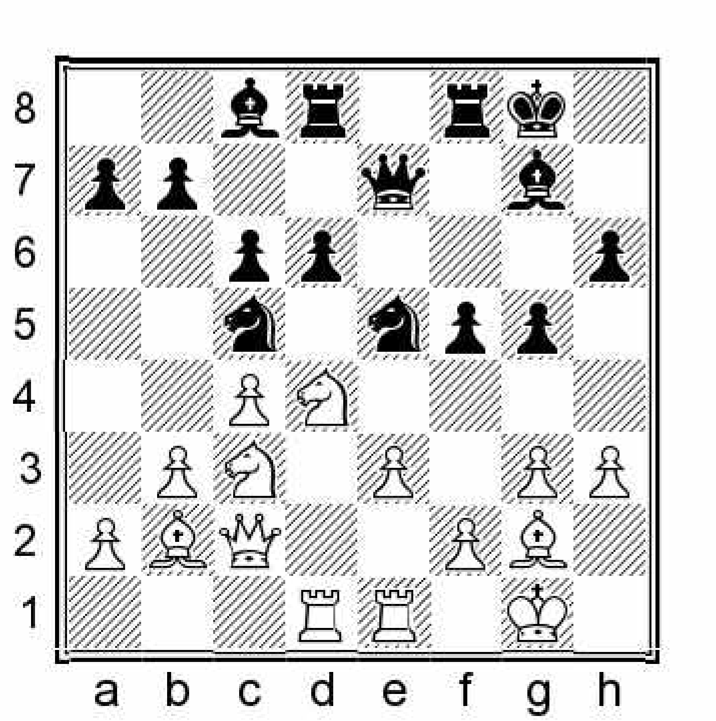
18.e3!? a5 19.♘d4

18...♘g4

18...f4 19.e4! ♕f7 20.♘f5 fxg3 21.hxg3 ♘g4 22.♘xg7 ♕xg7 23.f3 ♘e5 24.♘e2!±

19.h3 ♘e5 20.b4

20.e3



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20...♘e4

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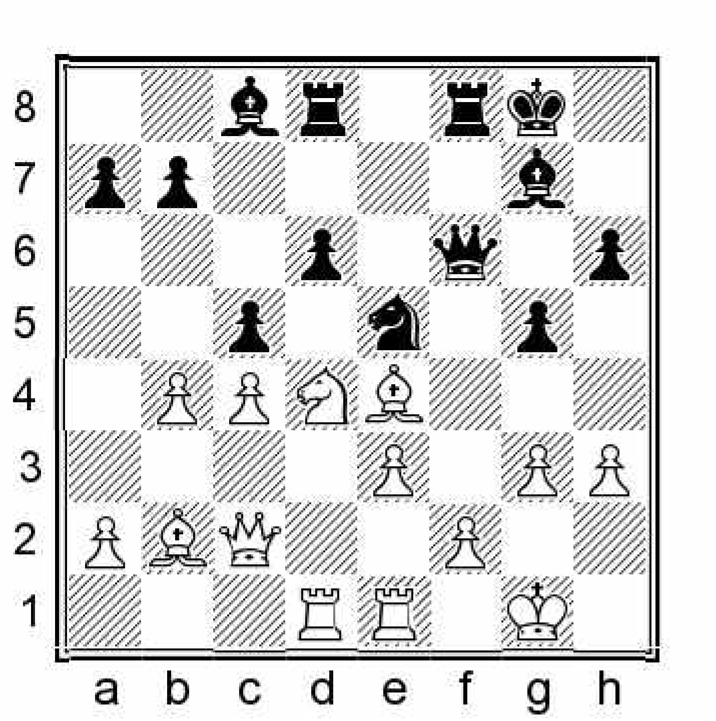
21.♘xe4 fxe4 22.♗xe4 ♕f6

22...♕f7! 23.e3 ♕xc4 24.♗c3 ♗xh3 25.f4 ♘g4 26.♗d3 ♕f7∞

23.e3± c5



23...♘xc4 24.♕xc4+ d5 25.♗xd5+ ♖xd5 26.♕c2 ♗xh3 27.e4 ♖d7 28.e5→

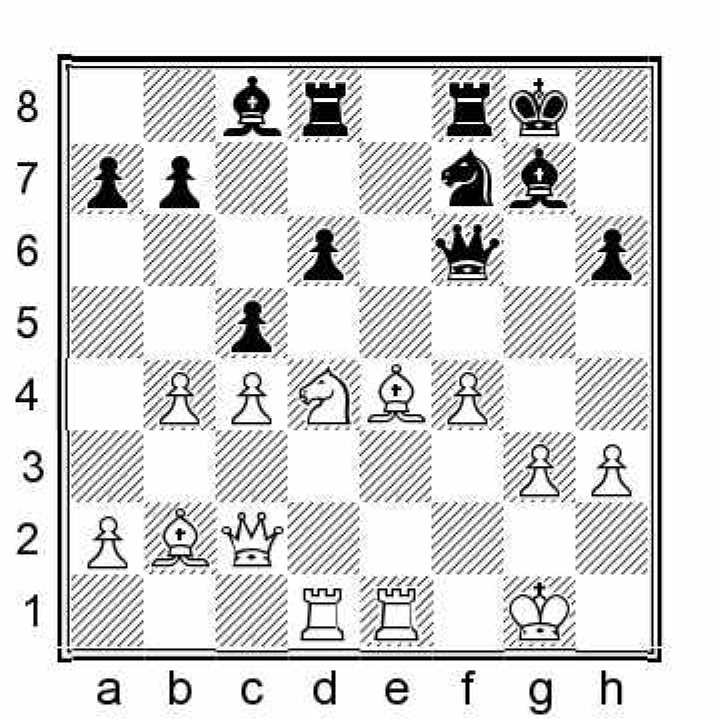
24.f4

24.♗d5+! ♔h8 25.bxc5 dxc5 26.f4 cxd4 (26...♘d7 27.♘c6 ♕xb2 28.♕xb2 ♗xb2 29.♘xd8 ♖xd8 30.♗e6 ♔g7 31.♗xd7 ♗xd7 32.♖d6±) 27.fxe5 ♕xe5 28.♕g2! ♕d6 29.♗xd4±

24...gxf4?!

24...♘f7! 25.bxc5 (25.♘f5 ♕xb2 26.♘e7+ ♔h8 27.♘g6+=) 25...dxc5 26.♘c6 ♕xb2 27.♘e7+ ♔h8 28.♘g6+=

25.exf4 ♘f7



26.♗a1!± cxd4

26...d5 27.♘e6! ♕xe6 28.♗h7++-

27.♗xd4 ♕xd4+ 28.♖xd4 ♗xd4+ 29.♔g2 ♖de8 30.♕d2

30.♕d3 ♗g7 31.♖e2 ♔h8 32.♗f3±

30...♗f6 31.♗d5 ♖xe1

31...♔g7 32.a4±

32.♕xe1 b6 33.♕e3 ♔g7 34.♕a3 a6 35.♕e3 b5 36.cxb5 axb5 37.♕b6 ♗d7 38.♕b7 ♖d8 39.g4

39.a4!? bxa4 40.b5+-

39...♗e8 40.♔g3 ♗c3 41.a3 ♗e1+ 42.♔g2+- ♔f8 43.a4 bxa4 44.b5 ♖d7 45.♕a6 ♘d8 46.♕xa4 ♗f7 47.♗xf7 ♖xf7 48.♕d4 ♘b7 49.♕h8+

49.g5 hxg5 50.fxg5 ♖g7 51.♕f6+ ♔g8 52.♕e6+ ♔h7 53.♕e4+ ♔g8 54.♕xe1 ♖xg5+ 55.♔h2

49...♔e7 50.♕xh6 ♗d2 51.♕h4+ ♔d7 52.♕h5 ♔e8 53.g5 ♗c3 54.f5 d5 55.f6 ♗xf6 56.gxf6 ♘d6 57.b6 ♔d7 58.b7 ♔c7 59.♕e5 1-0

29. A90
Moradiabadi, Elshan (2540) - Stremavicius, Titas (2520)
Saint Louis 152/29, 2022

1.d4 f5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 e6 4.♘f3 d5 5.O-O ♗e7 6.c4 ♘e4 7.♘e5

7.b3 - 147/21

7...♘d7 8.f3N

8.♘d2

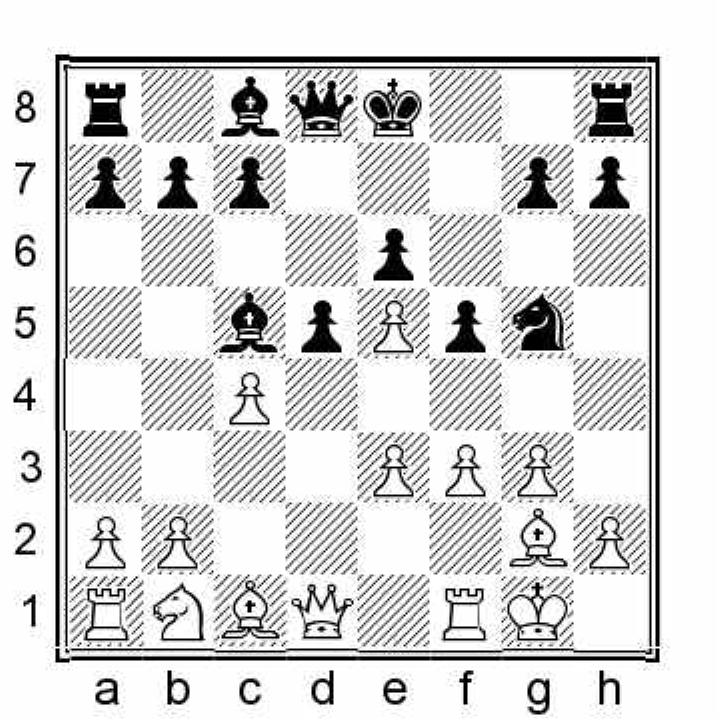
8...♘xe5

8...♘ef6 9.♘c3 O-O 10.♗e3 c6 11.♖c1 ♕e8 12.♕c2 ♗d6 13.f4±

9.dxe5 ♗c5+

9...♘c5 10.♗e3!? a5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.♕c2 b6 13.♘c3 c6 14.f4 O-O 15.♘a4! ♘xa4 16.♕xc6 ♗d7 17.♕xd5+ ♔h8 18.e6 ♖a7 19.♖fd1 ♗c8 20.♕b5+-

10.e3 ♘g5



11.♘c3

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11...c6 12.♕c2 ♗e7 13.♖d1

13.b3 O-O 14.♗b2 ♗c5 15.♖ae1 b6 16.a3 ♗e7 17.♖f2±

13...♗d7 14.♖b1 a5 15.♗d2

15.b3 ♖g8 16.♘e2→

15...O-O

15...b5 16.cxd5 (16.c5!? ♘f7 17.f4 O-O 18.♘e2 ♔h8 19.♘d4±) 16...cxd5 17.♖dc1 O-O 18.♘e2! ♖c8 19.♕d3 ♕b6 20.♘d4±

16.♘e2 ♕b6

16...dxc4!? 17.♕xc4 b5 18.♕c3 ♔h8 19.♖bc1 b4∞

17.♔h1

17.♖bc1 ♕a6 18.a4 dxc4 19.♕xc4 ♕xc4 20.♖xc4 ♖fd8 21.♔f2±

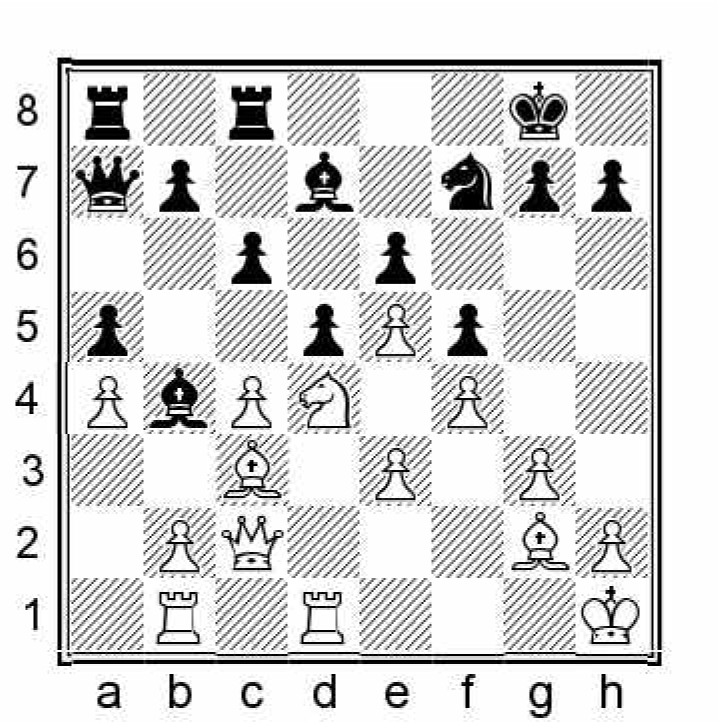
17...♗c5

17...♕a6 18.b3 b5 19.h3±

18.♘d4

18.♖bc1!? Δ♗xe3? 19.c5+-

18...♘f7 19.f4 ♖fc8 20.♗c3 ♕a7 21.a4 ♗b4



21...♕a6 22.♗f1 dxc4 23.e4±

22.b3

22.g4!? fxg4 23.f5 ♗e8 24.fxe6 ♘g5 25.♘f5 ♔h8 26.♗xb4 axb4 27.♘e7+-

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32...♖xb4 33.♘xa5 ♗xg2 34.♖xb4 (34.♔xg2 ♖b2+ 35.♔g1 ♘b7 36.♘xb7 ♖xb7 37.♖a2±) 34...cxb4 35.♔xg2 ♖c2+ 36.♔g1 ♘c6 37.♘xc6 ♖xc6 38.♖b1 ♖c4 39.♖b3 ♖c1+ 40.♔g2 ♖c2+ 41.♔h3 ♖c4 42.♔h4 h6 43.h3 g6 44.g4 ♔f7 45.a5 ♖c5 46.♖xb4 ♖xa5 47.♖b7+ ♔g8 48.♔g3 ♖c5 49.♔f3 ♖c3 50.♖e7 ♖c6 51.h4 h5 52.gxh5 gxh5 53.♔e2 ♖a6 54.♔d3 ♖c6 55.♖b7 ♖c1 56.♔d4 ♖d1+ 57.♔c5 ♖d5+ 58.♔c6 ♔f8 59.♖h7 ♖d1 60.♖d7 ♖a1 61.♖b7 ♖d1 62.♖h7 ♖d3 63.♖xh5 ♔g7 64.♖g5+ ♔f7 65.♖g3+-

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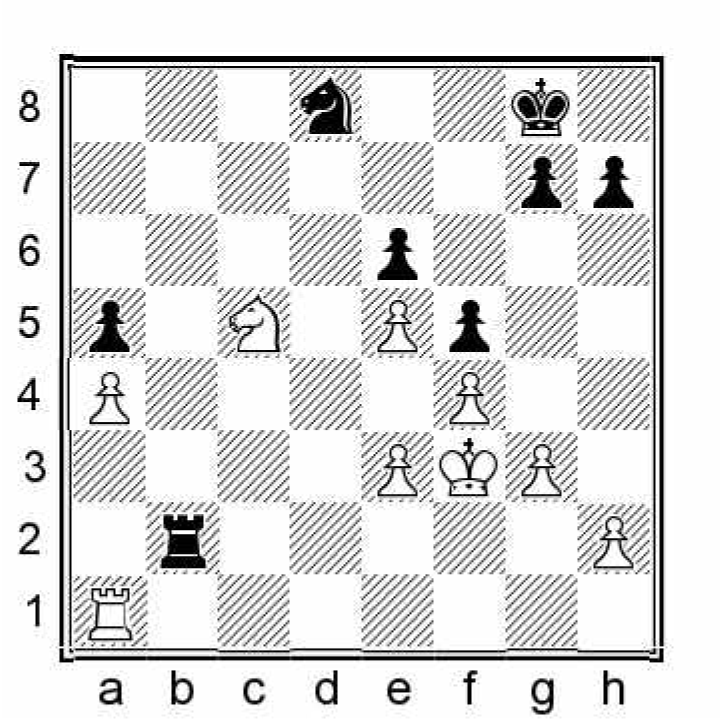


36...g5

36...♖c2 37.♖d1 ♔f7 38.♖xd8 ♖xc5 39.♖d7+ ♔f8 40.♖a7+-

37.h3 gxf4 38.gxf4 ♖c2 39.♖d1 ♖xc5 40.♖xd8+ ♔f7 41.♖d7+ ♔g6 42.♖d6

42.♖e7 ♖c6 43.♖a7 ♖c5 44.♔g3 ♖d5 45.♖e7+-

42...♔f7 43.♖a6 h6 44.♖a7+ ♔g6 45.h4 ♖c8 46.♖xa5 ♔h5 47.♖a6 ♖e8 48.♖d6 ♔xh4 49.a5 ♔h3 50.a6 1-0

B00-B24

30. B01
Ali Marandi, Cemil Can (2524) - Hungaski, Robert Andrew (2537)
Saint Louis 152/30, 2022

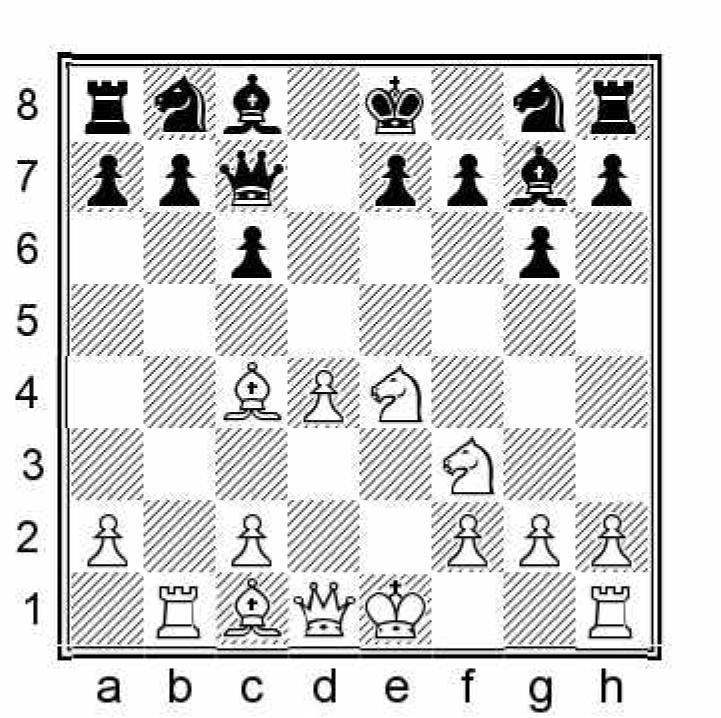
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘c3 ♕a5 4.b4 ♕xb4 5.♖b1 ♕d6 6.d4 c6

6...♕d8 - 144/24

7.♘f3 g6N

⌓7...♘f6

8.♗c4 ♗g7 9.♘e4 ♕c7



10.♘e5! ♗xe5

10...e6?! 11.♗f4 ♗h6 12.♗g3+-

11.dxe5 ♕xe5 12.f3 f6

12...♘f6 13.♗b2 ♕f4 14.♘xf6+ exf6 15.♕e2+ ♔f8 16.O-O ♔g7 17.♖be1±

13.O-O ♘d7 14.♖e1 ♔f8 15.♔h1

15.♗xg8! ♔xg8 (15...♖xg8 16.♗h6++-) 16.♗a3 ♕d5 17.♗xe7 ♕xd1 18.♖bxd1 ♔g7 19.♖d6 f5 20.♘f6+-

15...♕c7 16.♕e2

16.♗a3! ♘b6 17.♘xf6! ♘xc4 18.♘xg8 ♘xa3 19.♖xe7+-

16...♔g7

16...b5 17.♗b3 ♔g7 18.♗a3 ♘f8 19.♖bd1±

17.♗b3

17.♘g5! ♘b6 (17...fxg5 18.♕e6+-; 17...♘e5 18.♗f4 b5 19.♘f7+-) 18.♕e6!±

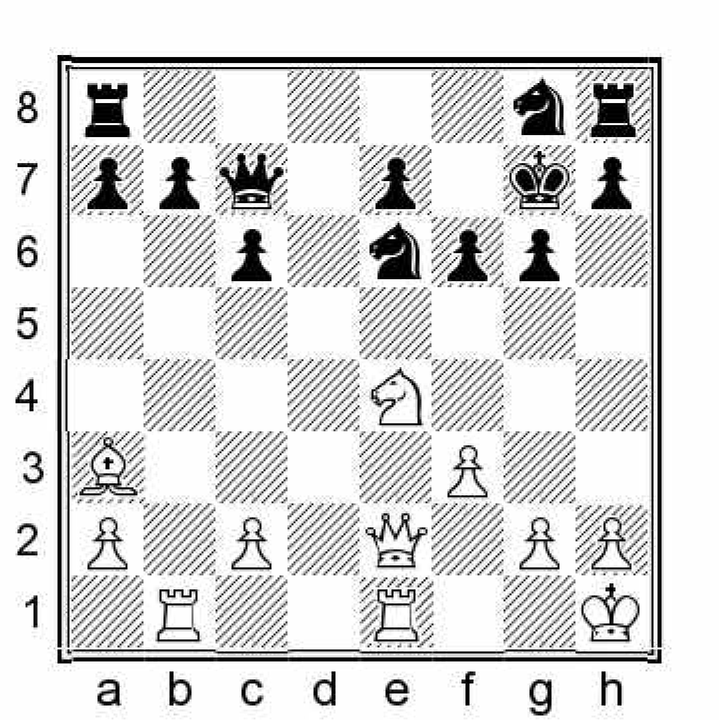
17...♘f8

⌓17...♘b6 18.♗a3 h5 19.♖bd1⩲

18.♗a3 ♗e6?!

18...h5 19.♖bd1 ♖h7 20.h4±

19.♗xe6 ♘xe6



20.♘f2?

20.♕c4! ♘d8 (20...♘f8 21.♘g5! fxg5 22.♕c3+ ♔f7 23.♕xh8+-) 21.♖bd1±

20...♘f4 21.♕c4 e5

⌓21...♖d8 22.g3 ♘d5 23.♕b3 ♕b6 (23...b5 24.♘d3=∞) 24.♕xb6 ♘xb6 25.♗xe7 ♖d7 26.♗c5 ♘h6 27.♗xb6 axb6 28.♖xb6=

22.♘e4

22.♖ed1! ♖e8 23.♘e4 ♘h6 24.♘c5 b5 25.♕b3±

22...b6?

22...♖d8! 23.g3 b5 24.♖xb5 ♖d4 25.♕c3 ♘d5 26.♕c5 ♘h6 27.♖bb1±

23.♖bd1 b5 24.♕c3 ♖e8 25.♖d6

25.g3! ♘e6 26.♗d6 ♕f7 27.♗xe5! ♖d8 (27...fxe5 28.♘d6+-) 28.♘d6+-

25...♕f7 26.♖xc6 ♘d5 27.♕d2 ♘ge7 28.♘d6+- ♕g8 29.♘xe8+ ♕xe8 30.♖d6 b4 31.♗xb4 ♕b5 32.♗a3 ♖c8 33.♖d1 ♖c3 34.♗c1 ♖e3 35.♖d7 g5 36.♖xe7+! 1-0

31. B07
Lodici, Lorenzo (2545) - Jones, Gawain C B (2666)
Italia 152/31, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♘bd2 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗b5+ ♗d7

5...♘c6 - 141/28

6.a4 O-O 7.O-O ♘c6N

7...a6

8.a5

8.♖e1 e5 9.dxe5 ♘xe5 10.♘xe5 dxe5=

8...e5 9.d5

9.♗xc6 ♗xc6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♘xe5 ♗xe4=

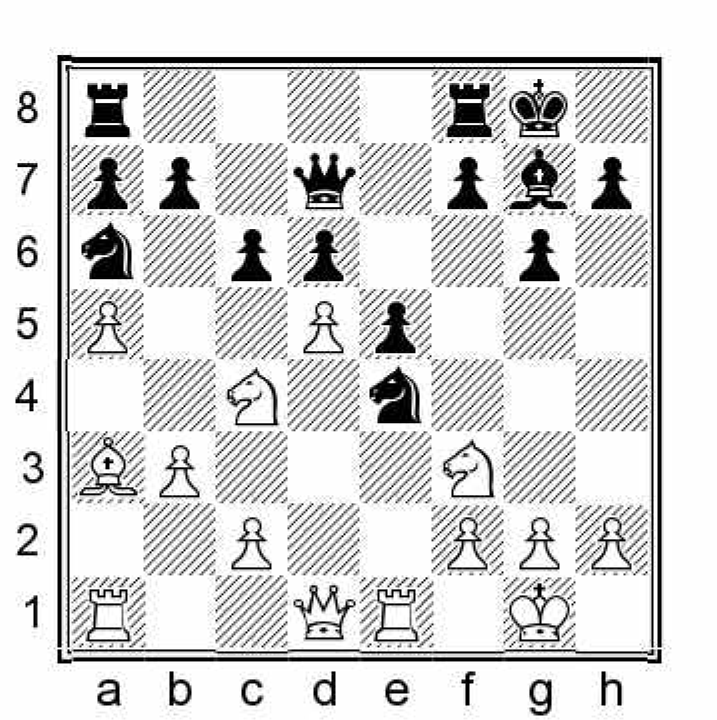
9...♘b4 10.♗xd7 ♕xd7 11.b3 c6

11...b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.♗a3 ♘a6 14.c4 c5= (14...b5∞)

12.♗a3 ♘a6 13.♘c4?!

13.c4 ♗h6 14.♕e2 ♘h5 15.g3 c5=

13...♘xe4 14.♖e1



14.♘xd6 ♘c3! 15.♕d2 e4 16.♘g5 cxd5 17.♘dxe4 ♘xe4 18.♘xe4 ♖fd8∓

14...f5?!

14...♘ac5! 15.a6 (15.♘xd6 ♕xd6 16.♖xe4 cxd5-+; 15.♗b2 f5-+) 15...b5 16.b4 bxc4 17.bxc5 ♘xc5 18.♗xc5 dxc5-+

15.♘xd6 ♘xd6

15...♖fd8 16.♘xe4 fxe4 17.♘d2 cxd5 18.c4 e3! 19.fxe3 e4 20.♖b1 b6 21.axb6 axb6 22.♘f1 b5∞

16.dxc6 ♕xc6 17.♕xd6 ♕xd6 18.♗xd6 e4 19.♗xf8 ♖xf8

19...♗xa1 20.♖xa1 ♔xf8 21.♘d4 ♖c8 22.♖a4 ♔e7 23.f3 exf3 24.gxf3=

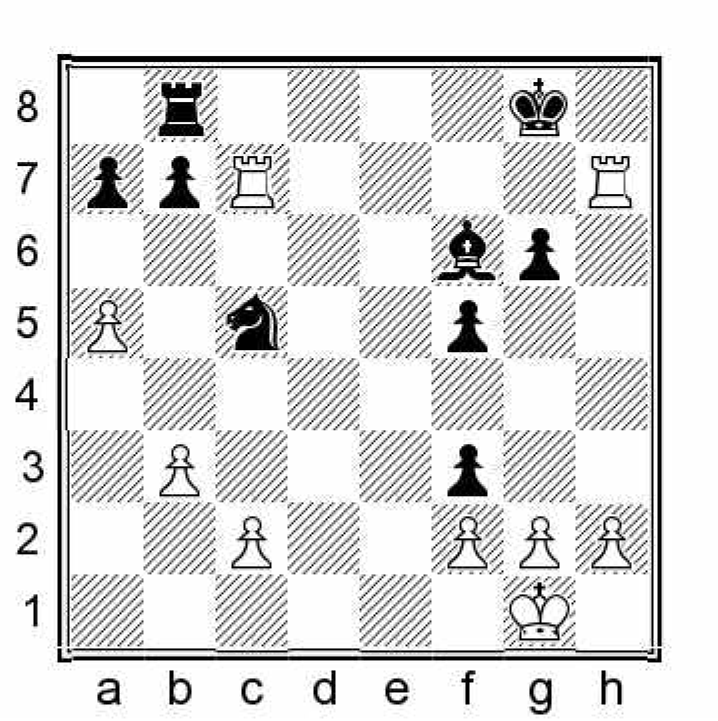
20.♖ad1 exf3 21.♖e7 ♖b8 22.♖dd7?

22.♖ed7! ♘b4 (22...fxg2 23.♖1d5 ♗f8 24.♖b5 ♘c5 25.♖c7 ♖d8 26.♖bxc5 ♗xc5 27.♖xc5 ♖d7 28.♔xg2 ♔f7=) 23.♖d8+ ♖xd8 24.♖xd8+ ♗f8 25.♖d7 ♘xc2 26.♖xb7 a6 27.♖a7 ♘b4 28.gxf3 ♗c5 29.♖c7 ♗d6 30.♖d7 ♗c5=

22...♗f6 23.♖xh7

23.♖e3 ♘c5 24.♖d5 ♖c8 25.b4 ♘a6 26.♖d7 ♘xb4 27.♖xb7 ♘xc2 28.♖eb3 ♘b4! 29.gxf3 ♘c6∓

23...♘c5 24.♖c7?



24.♖df7 ♖e8 25.gxf3 ♖e1+ 26.♔g2 ♘e6 27.h4 ♘f8! 28.♖xf6 ♘xh7 29.♖xg6+ ♔f7 30.h5 ♘f8 31.♖d6 ♖e7∓

24...♖e8! 25.gxf3 ♖e1+ 26.♔g2 ♘e6!-+ 27.♖xb7

27.h4 ♘xc7 28.♖xc7 ♖e7-+

27...♘f4+ 28.♔g3 ♘e2+ 29.♔h3 ♖g1 0-1

32. B10
Dimitrov, Radoslav (2478) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2652)
Cattolica 152/32, 2022

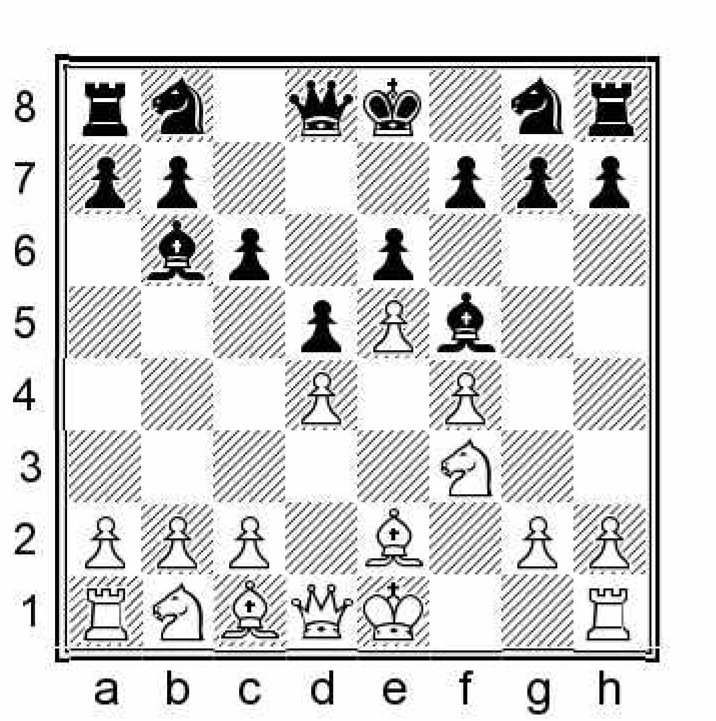
1.e4 c6 2.♗e2!? d5 3.e5 ♗f5

3...c5 - 128/44

4.f4 e6 5.♘f3 ♗c5

5...c5 6.O-O (6.♘a3 ♘c6 7.O-O h5 8.c3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♘h6∞) 6...♘c6 7.d3 ♘h6 8.♔h1 (8.h3 ♗g6 9.g4 f6⇄) 8...♗g6 9.c3 ♗e7 10.♗e3 ♘f5 11.♗f2 h5⇄; 5...h5!? 6.d4 (6.O-O ♘h6 7.♔h1 ♗g4 8.c3 ♘f5 9.d3 c5⇄) 6...♘h6 7.♘bd2 c5 8.♘b3 ♘c6 9.dxc5 ♗xc5 10.♘xc5 ♕a5+ 11.♕d2 ♕xc5 12.c3 ♗e4⇄

6.d4 ♗b6



7.♗e3N

7.O-O c5 8.♗e3 cxd4 9.♘xd4 (9.♗f2 ♘c6 10.♗b5 ♘e7 11.♘xd4 O-O 12.c3 f6∞) 9...♘e7 10.♘d2 ♘bc6 11.♘2b3 ♗e4⇄; 7.c4 dxc4 8.♘bd2 ♘e7 9.♘xc4 O-O 10.O-O ♗g4 11.♘d6 ♘f5 12.♘xf5 ♗xf5 13.♗e3 ♘a6!? 14.♗xa6 bxa6 Δ Qd5⇄

7...♘d7 8.O-O ♘e7

8...c5 9.c4! ♘e7 10.♘c3±

9.♘bd2

9.c3 c5 10.a4 (10.♘bd2 - 9.Nbd2) 10...♗g6 (10...cxd4 11.♘xd4 ♗g6 12.♘d2 O-O 13.♘2b3 ♘c5 14.♘xc5 ♗xc5 15.b4 ♗xd4 16.♗xd4 ♗e4 17.a5±) 11.b4!? (11.♘bd2 O-O (11...cxd4 12.♘xd4 ♘f5 13.♘xf5 ♗xf5 14.♗d4 O-O 15.♘b3 f6 16.exf6 ♘xf6 17.a5 ♗c7 18.♕d2 ♘e4 19.♕e3±) 12.b4 cxb4 13.cxb4 a5 14.b5 f6∞) 11...cxb4 (11...♘f5 12.♗f2 cxb4 13.cxb4 a5 14.bxa5 ♗xa5 15.♕b3 O-O 16.♘c3 Δ Nb5±) 12.cxb4 a5 13.bxa5 ♗xa5 14.♕b3 (14.♘a3 O-O 15.♘b5 ♘b6 Δ Nc4) 14...♕b6 15.♗b5 O-O⇄

9...c5 10.c3

10.c4 O-O 11.a3 (11.dxc5 ♗xc5 12.♘d4 ♖c8 13.♘2b3 ♗b6 14.♖c1 ♗e4∞) 11...♗g6 12.b4 cxb4 13.axb4 (13.c5 ♗a5∞ 14.♘b3 bxa3 15.♘xa5 ♕xa5 16.♕b3 ♕c7 17.g4 b6⇄) 13...dxc4 14.♘xc4 ♗c7 15.♕d2 ♘d5 16.♗f2 a6 17.♗h4 ♕b8 Δ b5∞

10...O-O 11.a4 ♘c6 12.♘b3

12.dxc5 ♗xc5 13.♘d4 ♗xd4 14.cxd4 ♘b4∞

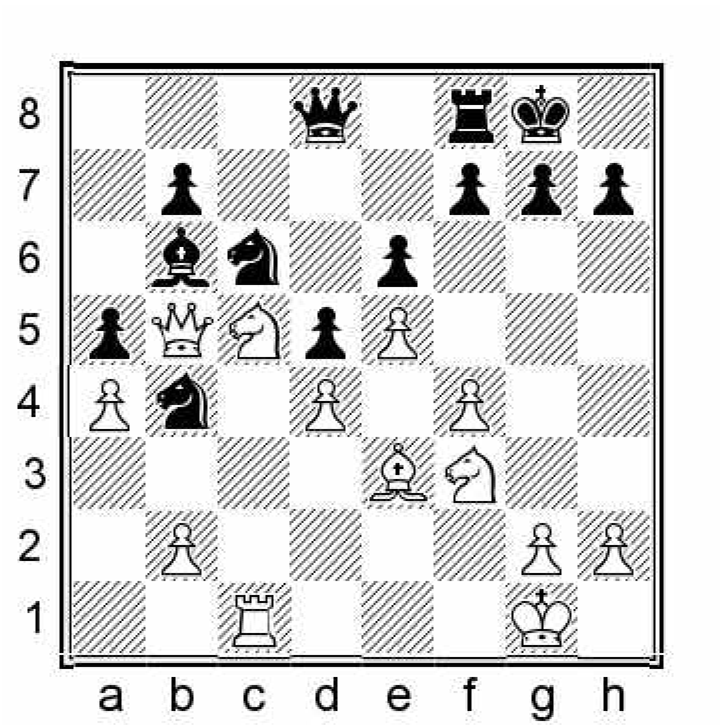
12...cxd4 13.cxd4

13.♘fxd4 ♗e4 (13...♗g6 14.g4↑) 14.♗g4 a5 15.♕e1 ♘xd4 16.♘xd4 ♘c5 17.♕g3 ♗g6⇄

13...a5

13...♖c8!? 14.♖c1 (14.♗d3 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3 ♘b4 16.♕d2 a5=) 14...f6 15.♕d2 a6 16.♗f2 ♗e4⇄

14.♗d3 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3 ♘b4 16.♕e2 ♖c8 17.♖ac1 ♖xc1 18.♖xc1 ♘b8!? 19.♕b5 ♘8c6 20.♘c5



20...♘a7!?

20...♕c7 21.♘d3 ♘xd3 22.♕xd3 ♕e7 23.♗d2 f5 24.g3 Δ Kg2, h3↑

21.♘xb7

21.♕d7 ♕c8!? (21...♗xc5 22.♕xd8 ♖xd8 23.♖xc5 ♘ac6 24.g4!? b6 25.♖c3 Δ f5↑) 22.♕xb7 ♕xb7 23.♘xb7 ♘d3 24.♖b1 ♖c8 25.b4!? ♘xb4 (25...axb4? 26.a5 ♗d8 27.♘xd8 ♖xd8 28.♖b3+-) 26.♗d2 ♘ac6 27.♘d6 ♖a8 28.♗c3 ♔f8=

21...♘xb5 22.♘xd8 ♘xd4

⌓22...♘a7 23.♘b7 ♘d3 24.♖c2 ♖b8 25.♘d6 ♗d8! 26.♗c1 h6 27.f5 ♔f8 28.f6 ♘xc1 29.♖xc1 gxf6 30.exf6 ♖b6 31.♘xf7 ♔xf7 32.♘e5+ ♔f8 33.♖f1 ♗c7 34.♘g6+ ♔f7 35.♘h8+ ♔f8 (35...♔g8? 36.f7++-) 36.♘g6+=

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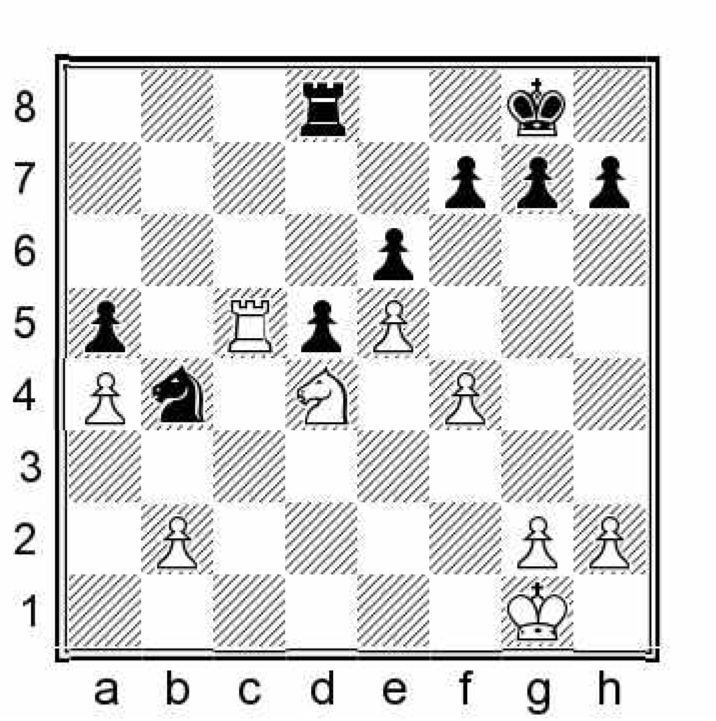


25.♖c3 ♖b8 26.b3 ♔f8 27.♔f2±

25...♘d3! 26.♖b5

26.♖xa5 ♖c8 27.g3 ♘xb2 28.♖a7 g5! 29.f5 exf5 30.♘xf5 ♖c1+ 31.♔f2 h5 32.♘h6+ ♔g7 33.♘xf7 ♔g6 34.e6 d4 35.♘e5+ ♔f5 36.♘f3 ♔xe6 37.♘xd4+ ♔d5 38.♖d7+ ♔c4 39.♖c7+ ♔xd4 40.♖xc1 ♘d3+ 41.♔g2 ♘xc1 42.a5 ♔c5 43.h3 ♘d3 44.a6 ♔b6 45.♔f3=

26...♖c8 27.g3 g5 28.f5 ♘xe5 29.fxe6 fxe6 30.♖xa5

30.♘xe6 h6 31.♖xd5 ♖c1+ 32.♔f2 ♖c2+ 33.♔e3 ♘g4+ 34.♔d3 ♖xh2 35.♖xa5 ♖xb2 36.♖a7 ♘e5+ 37.♔e4 ♘f7= Δ h5

30...♖c1+ 31.♔g2 ♖d1 32.♘xe6 g4= 33.h4 ♖d2+ 34.♔f1 h6 35.♖b5 ♘f3 36.♖b3 d4 37.♘f4 ♖d1+ 38.♔e2 ♖d2+ 39.♔f1 ♖d1+ 40.♔e2 ♖d2+ 1/2-1/2

33. B12
Areshchenko, Alexander (2670) - Bartel, Mateusz (2616)
Deutschland 152/33, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.♘f3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘c6 6.♘xc6

6.c4 - 148/23

6...bxc6 7.♗d3 ♕c7 8.♕e2 e6 9.♘d2 ♘e7 10.♘f3 c5N

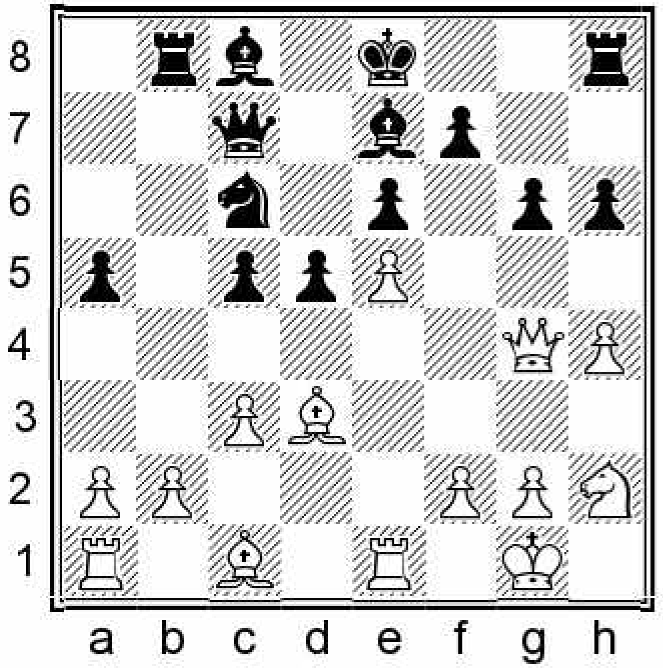
10...♘g6

11.c3 ♘c6 12.O-O ♗e7 13.♖e1 h6 14.h4 ♖b8?!

14...a5 15.h5 ♕b6 16.♘h2 ♗a6 17.♗xa6 ♕xa6 18.♕g4±

15.h5

15.♘h2!? a5 (15...♗xh4 16.♕g4 g5 17.♕e2±) 16.♕g4 g6



17.h5! (17.♘f3±) 17...g5 (17...♘xe5? 18.♖xe5 ♕xe5 19.♗f4+-) 18.♕e2 ♗d7 19.♘g4±

15...♕a5 16.♘h2 ♔d7 17.♕g4± ♗b7 18.♘f3 g5

18...♗a6 19.♗c2± (19.♗xa6 ♕xa6 20.♖d1 ♔c7 21.b3 ♖hg8∞) 19...♗c4 20.♘d2±

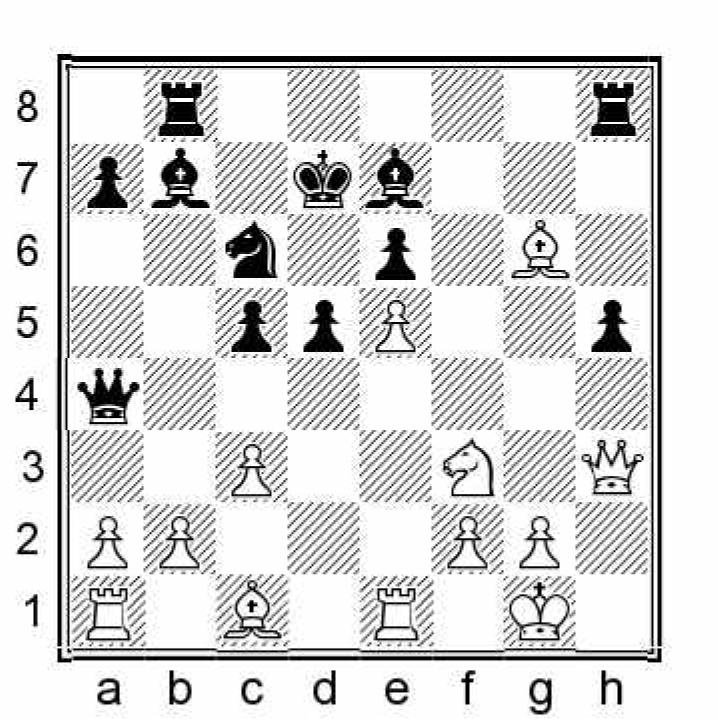
19.hxg6 fxg6 20.♗xg6

20.♗c2 ♖bg8 21.♖d1 ♘d8 22.b4! h5 (22...cxb4 23.cxb4 ♕xb4 24.♘d4±) 23.♕g3 ♕a6 24.♗g5±

20...h5

20...♖bf8 21.♕h3 ♕b5 22.♗e3 ♘d8 23.♖ed1 ♔c8 24.♗d3 ♕c6 25.b4±

21.♕h3 ♕a4



22.b4! ♖bg8?

22...♖bf8 23.♗d3 cxb4 24.cxb4 ♗xb4 25.♖b1 ♗a6 26.♗xa6 ♕xa6 27.♖d1 ♕c4 28.♘g5 ♖f5 29.f4±

23.♗f7+- ♘d8 24.♗xg8 ♖xg8 25.bxc5 d4 26.cxd4 ♖g4 27.♖b1 ♗d5 28.♖b3 ♘c6 29.♗e3 ♔c7

29...♕xa2 30.♖b7+ ♔c8 31.♖xe7! ♘xe7 32.♕xh5 ♖g8 33.♕f7 ♗xf3 34.♕xf3+-

30.♖eb1 ♘a5 31.♖b8 ♕c2 32.♕xh5 ♕e4 33.♕f7 1-0

34. B12
Adams, Michael (2698) - Salem, AR Saleh (2690)
Malmoe 152/34, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.♗d3 ♗xd3 6.♕xd3 ♕a5+ 7.♘d2 e6 8.♘f3 ♘h6 9.O-O ♘f5

9...♕a6 - 133/46

10.♘b3 ♕a6 11.♕d1 c5 12.♗g5N

12.dxc5

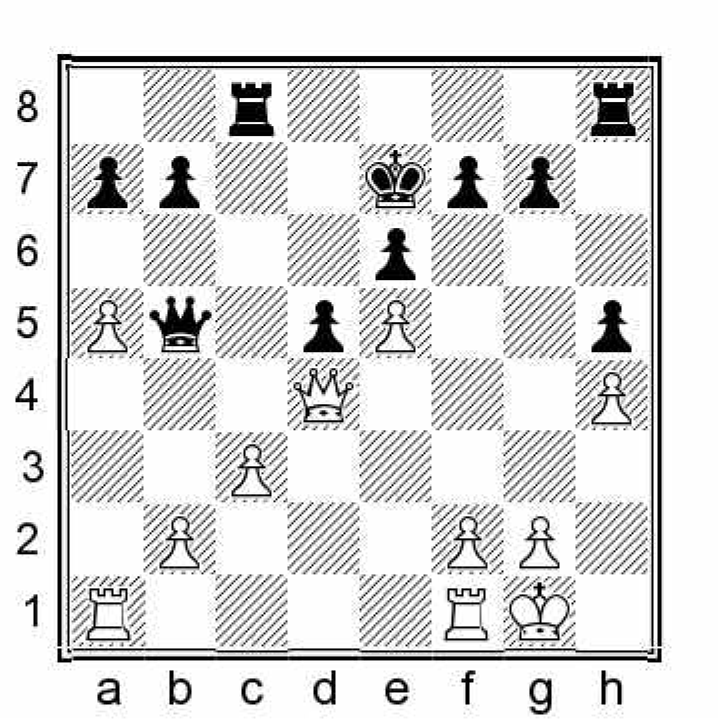
12...cxd4

⌓12...b6 13.c3 (13.dxc5 ♗xc5 14.c3 ♘c6∞) 13...♘c6 14.a4 ♖c8∞

13.♘bxd4 ♘xd4 14.♘xd4 ♘c6 15.♘xc6 ♕xc6 16.a4 ♖c8 17.a5 ♗e7

17...♕d7 18.c3 ♗e7 19.♗xe7 ♕xe7 20.♖a4 ♖c5 21.♕e2 a6∞

18.♗xe7 ♔xe7 19.c3 ♕b5 20.♕d4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20...♕c5

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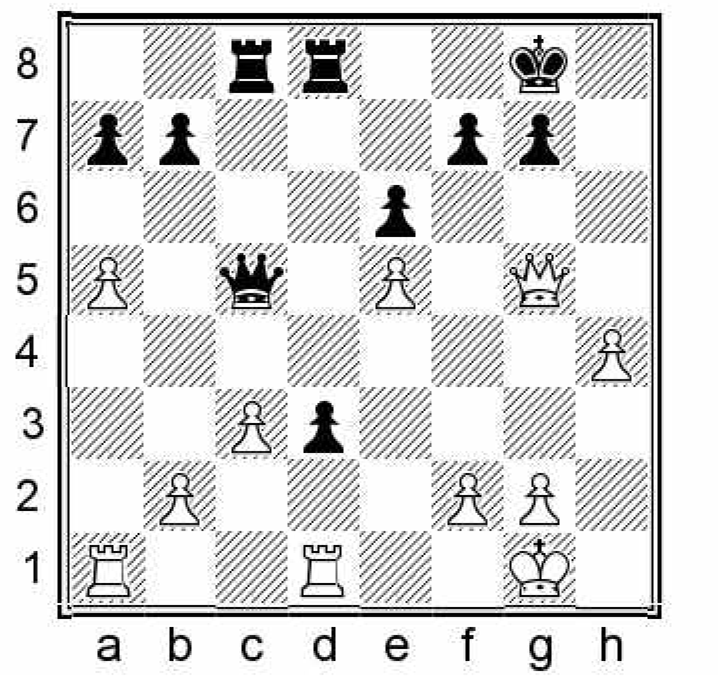
21.♕f4 ♖hd8?!

21...♔f8 22.♖a4 ♔g8 23.♖d1±

22.♕g5+ ♔f8 23.♕xh5 ♔g8 24.♕g5 d4 25.♖fd1 d3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26.♖a4! ♖d5 27.♖g4 g6

27...♕f8 28.♖d4+-

28.♖e4 ♕xa5 29.h5 ♕d8 30.♕g3+- g5 31.♖g4 ♔h8 32.♖xg5 ♖c4 33.h6 ♕f8 34.♖xd3

34.h7 ♕h6 35.♖g8+ ♔xh7 36.♖e8 ♕g7 37.♕h3+ ♕h6 38.♖h8+

34...♖e4 35.♖h5 a5 36.♖xd5 exd5 37.h7 a4 38.♕g5 1-0

35. B12
Maurizzi, Marc Andria (2489) - Pelletier, Yannick (2555)
Corte 152/35, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♘e7 6.O-O h6 7.♘bd2 ♘d7 8.c3 c5

8...a6 - 138/50

9.dxc5 ♘c6 10.b4 ♘cxe5 11.♘xe5 ♘xe5 12.♕a4+N

12.f4; 12.♗b5+

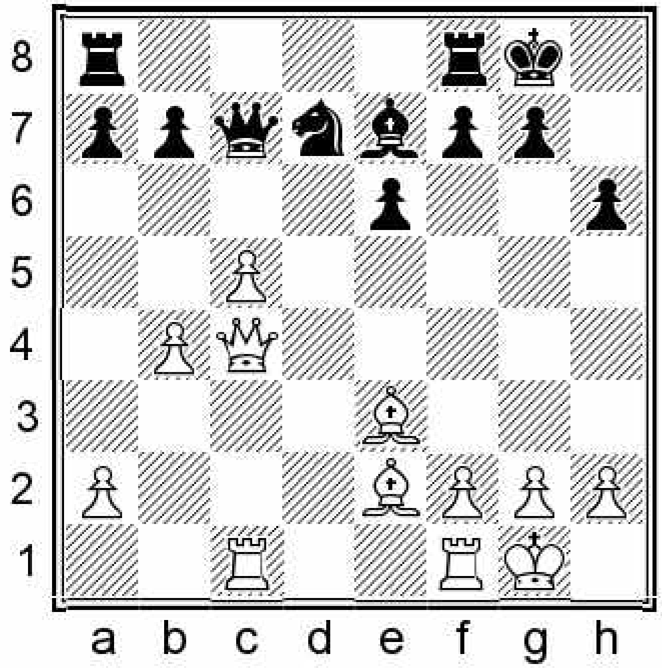
12...♘d7

12...♘c6 13.♘b3 ♗c2 14.b5 ♘e5 15.♗f4 f6 16.♕d4±

13.♘b3 ♗c2 14.♗e3 ♗e7 15.♖ac1

15.♗b5!? a6 16.c6! bxc6 (16...axb5 17.cxd7+ ♔f8 18.♕xb5+-) 17.♗xc6 ♖b8 18.♕xa6±

15...♗xb3 16.♕xb3 O-O 17.c4 dxc4 18.♕xc4 ♕c7



19.♗f4! e5 20.♗e3±

20.♗g3 ♗g5 21.♖cd1 a5 22.a3 axb4 23.axb4 ♖fe8 24.♗f3±

20...♗g5 21.♗xg5 hxg5 22.♕g4 a5 23.a3 axb4 24.axb4 ♖a4

24...♖fd8 25.♕xg5 ♘f6 26.b5±

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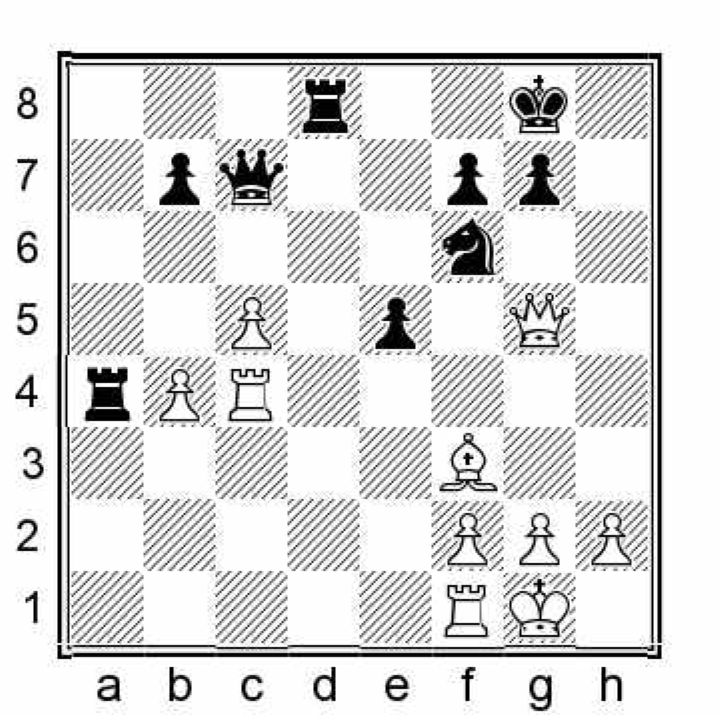
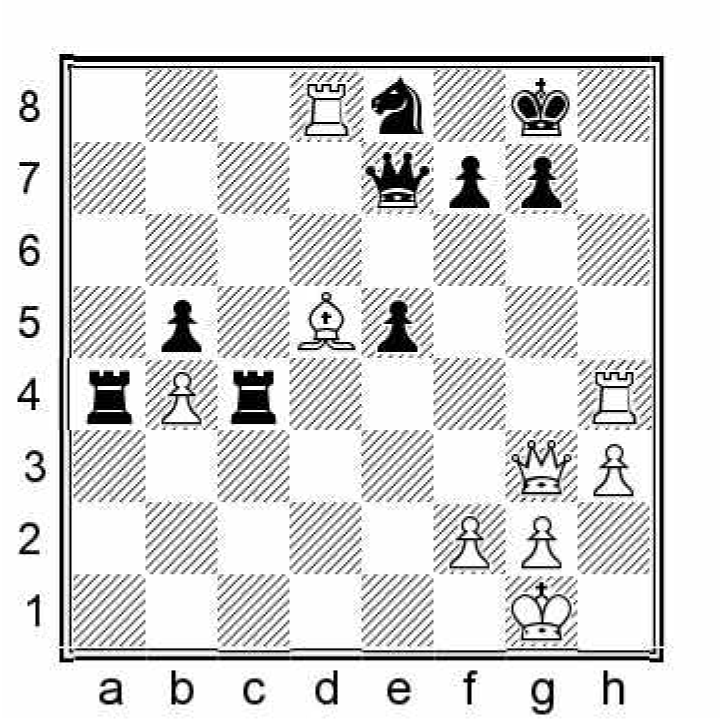


27.♖fc1 ♖a2 28.♖4c2 ♖xc2 29.♖xc2 ♕d7 30.♕c1±

27...b6?

27...b5! 28.♖h4 (28.♖c2 ♖xb4=) 28...e4 29.♗e2 (29.♗xe4 ♖xb4 30.♗f3 ♖xh4 31.♕xh4 ♕xc5 32.♕f4=) 29...♖xb4 30.♕e3 ♖bd4 (30...♖b2 31.c6! (31.♕h3 ♔f8 32.♖h8+ ♔e7 33.♖xd8 ♕xd8 34.♕e3 ♕d2=) 31...b4 (31...♕xc6? 32.♕h3 ♔f8 33.♕a3++-) 32.♗b5⩲) 31.♕h3 ♔f8 32.♖h8+ ♔e7 33.♖xd8 ♔xd8 34.♕c3 ♕e5 35.♗xb5 (35.c6 ♘e8 36.♖c1 ♘c7∞) 35...♖d5 36.♕a5+ ♕c7 37.♕xc7+ ♔xc7 38.♗c4 ♖xc5 39.♗xf7⩲

28.c6+- b5 29.♖h4 ♕d6 30.♕g3 ♕e6 31.c7 ♖c8 32.♖d1 ♖xc7 33.♖d8+ ♘e8 34.h3 ♖c4 35.♗d5 ♕e7



36.♕g5! 1-0

36. B13
Anton Guijarro, David (2694) - Druska, Juraj (2503)
Terme Catez 152/36, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♗d3 ♘c6 5.c3 ♘f6 6.♗f4 g6 7.♘f3 ♗g7 8.O-O O-O 9.♖e1

9.♘bd2 - 139/(42)

9...♗f5 10.♗f1

10.♗xf5 gxf5 11.♘e5 e6 12.♘d2 ♘e4 (12...♘xe5 13.♗xe5±) 13.♘xc6 bxc6 14.♘b3±

10...h6 11.h3 g5 12.♗h2 e6N

12...a5

13.♘bd2 ♖e8 14.a4 ♘e4

14...♖c8 15.♘e5 ♘xe5 16.♗xe5 ♘e4 17.a5 ♗xe5 18.dxe5 a6 19.♘b3±

15.♘xe4 ♗xe4 16.♗b5

16.♘d2 ♗g6 17.♘b3 ♖c8 18.a5±

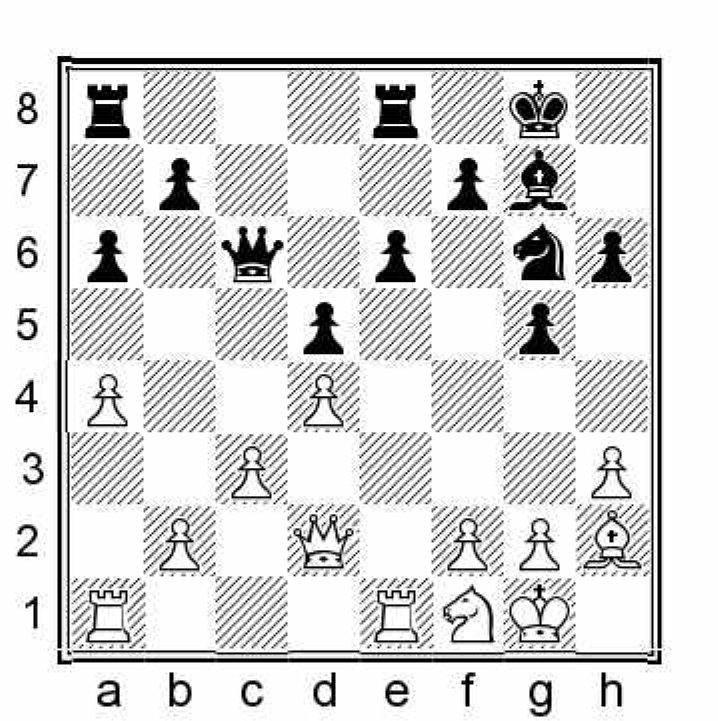
16...♕b6 17.♘d2 ♗g6 18.♘f1 a6 19.♗d3± ♘e7

19...♕xb2? 20.♗xg6 fxg6 21.♕d3 ♕b6 22.♕xg6+-

20.♗xg6

20.♖e2 ♗xd3 21.♕xd3 ♘g6 22.♘e3 ♕c6 23.♘g4 ♖ac8 24.♕d2±

20...♘xg6 21.♕d2 ♕c6



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22.f4! gxf4

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26.♖ad1 ♖ad8 27.♖d3

27.♘g3 ♗xe5 (27...♖xe5 28.♖xe5 ♗xe5 29.♕g4+ ♔h7 30.♘f5 ♖g8 31.♕e2±) 28.♕g4+ ♔h7 29.♘f5 ♕b6+ 30.♔h1 ♕g6 31.♕f3±

27...♖xe5 28.♖xe5 ♕xe5 29.♕xe5 ♗xe5 30.♘e3 d4 31.♘f5 ♔h7 32.♔f2 ♖c8 33.cxd4 ♖c2+ 34.♔f3 ♗f6 35.b3 ♔g6 36.♘e3 ♖c8 37.a5

37.d5 ♗g5 38.g3 ♔f6 39.♘c4+-

37...♖c1 38.♘c4 ♔f5 39.d5 ♗e7 40.g4+ ♔f6 41.♔e4+- ♗d8 42.♔d4 ♔e7 43.♖e3+ ♔d7 44.♖f3 f6 45.♖f5 ♖d1+ 46.♔c3 ♖c1+ 47.♔b2 ♖h1 48.♖h5 f5 49.♖xf5 ♖xh3 50.♖f7+ ♔c8 51.♘d6+ ♔b8 52.♘xb7 ♖h2+ 53.♔c3 ♗h4 54.d6 ♗e1+ 55.♔c4 ♖c2+ 56.♔d5 ♖c1 57.♘c5 ♗xa5 58.b4 1-0

37. B15
Kokarev, Dmitry (2576) - Dreev, Alexey (2623)
Russia 152/37, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♘f6 5.♘xf6+ exf6 6.c3 ♗d6 7.♗d3 O-O 8.♘e2 ♖e8 9.O-O ♘d7

9...♕c7 - 51/138

10.♗f4 ♘f8 11.♕d2 ♗e6 12.♖fe1 ♘g6 13.♗xd6 ♕xd6 14.♘g3 ♗d5N

14...♖ad8; 14...♘f4

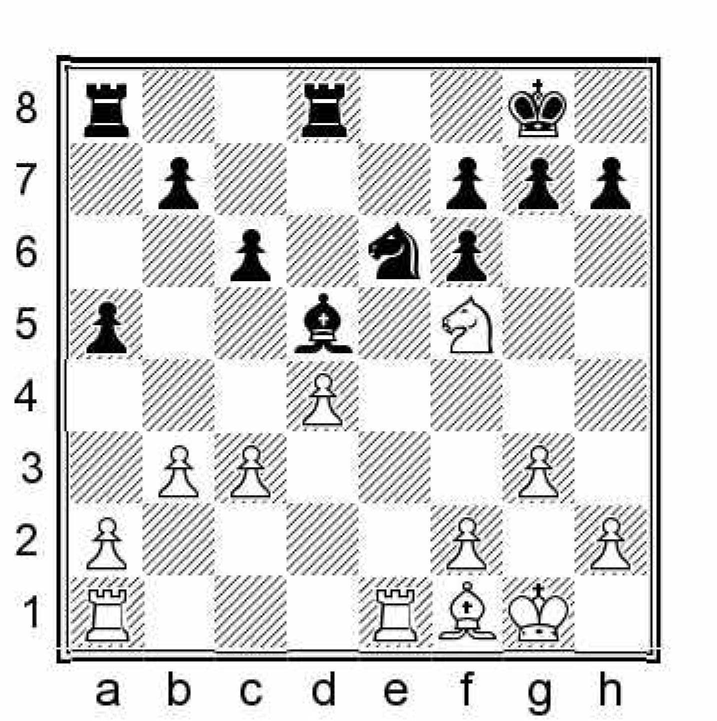
15.b3 a5 16.♘f5 ♕f4 17.♕xf4

17.♖e3!? ♖xe3 (17...♗e6 18.♖ae1±) 18.fxe3 (18.♕xe3 ♕xe3 19.fxe3±) 18...♕c7 19.c4 ♗e6 20.♘g3±

17...♘xf4 18.♗f1 ♖ed8

18...♖xe1 19.♖xe1 ♗e6 20.♘d6 (20.♘e3 a4=) 20...b6 (20...b5 21.c4 bxc4 22.bxc4) 21.c4 ♖d8 22.c5 ♔f8 23.g3 ♘d5∞

19.g3 ♘e6



20.♗c4!?

20.♘e7+ ♔f8 21.♘xd5 ♖xd5 22.♗g2 ♖d6=; 20.♘e3 ♔f8 21.a4 g6 22.h4 h5 23.♖ed1 ♘c7∞

20...♗xc4?!

20...g6 21.♗xd5 (21.♘e3 f5=) 21...cxd5 22.♘e3 f5 23.f4 b5 24.a4 ♖ac8 25.♖ec1 b4 26.cxb4 ♖xc1+ 27.♖xc1 ♘xd4 28.♖d1 ♘xb3 29.♘xd5 ♔f8 30.bxa5 (30.b5 ♘c5 31.♖d4 ♘b3 32.♖d1 ♘c5=) 30...♘xa5=

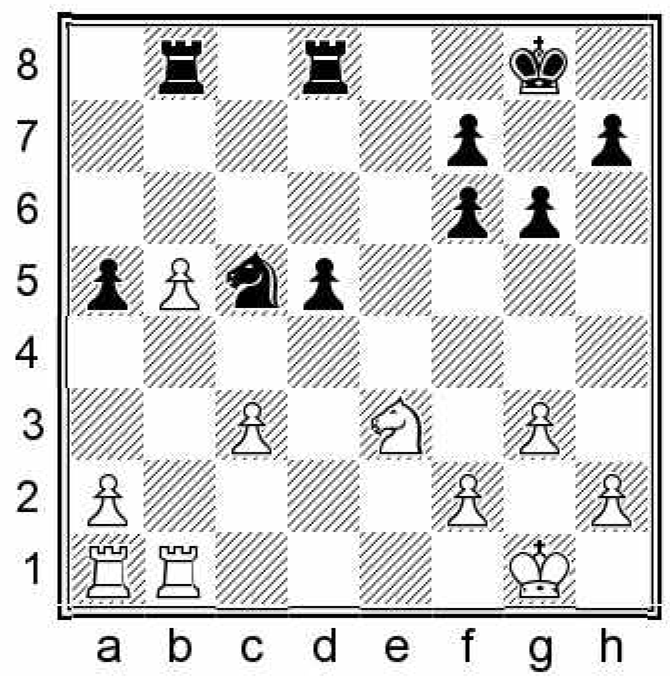
21.bxc4 g6 22.♘e3 b5 23.♖eb1

23.d5 ♘c7 (23...cxd5 24.cxb5 ♖ac8 25.♖ac1 ♖c5 26.a4±) 24.dxc6 bxc4 25.♖ad1 (25.♘xc4 ♖a6=) 25...♖d3 26.♘xc4 ♖xc3 27.♖c1 ♖xc1 28.♖xc1±

23...♖ab8 24.d5 cxd5 25.cxb5

25.cxd5 ♘c5 26.c4 b4 27.♘c2 ♖e8 28.♘d4 ♖e4 29.♘c6 ♖a8 30.♖c1 b3 31.f3 ♖ee8 32.♖cb1 a4 33.♘d4 bxa2 34.♖xa2 ♖e3∞

25...♘c5?



25...d4 26.cxd4 ♖xd4 27.b6 (27.♘c2 ♖c4 28.♘e3 ♖d4=; 27.a4 ♘c5 28.b6 ♘xa4 29.♘c2 ♖c4 30.♘e3 ♖d4=) 27...♖d6 28.♘c4 ♖c6 29.♖c1 (29.♘xa5 ♖cxb6=) 29...♘d8 30.♘xa5 ♖cxb6=

26.c4! dxc4

26...d4 27.♘d5 ♔g7 28.♖d1 d3 29.♖ab1 ♖e8 30.♖e1 d2 31.♖ed1 ♘e4 32.♖b2±

27.♘xc4 ♘b7 28.♖d1± ♔f8

28...♔g7 29.a4 ♖xd1+ 30.♖xd1 ♘c5 31.♖a1±

29.♔f1 a4 30.♖ab1 ♔e7 31.♔e2 ♔e6 32.♔e3 ♖xd1 33.♖xd1 ♖c8 34.♖d4 f5 35.♔d3 ♖c5 36.♘a3 ♖c1 37.♖c4! ♖a1

37...♖d1+ 38.♔c3 ♔d5 39.♔b4 ♖d2 40.♖c7+-

38.♖c6+ ♔d7 39.♖c2+- ♘d6 40.♔d4 f4 41.gxf4 ♖d1+ 42.♔c5 ♔c7 43.♘c4 ♘xc4 44.♖xc4 ♖d2 45.a3 ♖xf2 46.♖xa4 ♖c2+ 47.♔b4 ♖xh2 48.♖a7+ ♔b6 49.♖a6+! ♔b7 50.♖f6 ♖c2 51.♖xf7+ ♖c7 52.♖xc7+ ♔xc7 1-0

38. * B19
Shomoev, Anton (2575) - Faizrakhmanov, Ramil (2480)
Chelyabinsk 152/38, 2022

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♘f3 ♘d7 8.h5 ♗h7 9.♗d3 ♗xd3 10.♕xd3 e6 11.♗d2 ♘gf6 12.O-O-O ♗e7 13.♔b1 ♕b6 14.♘h4!?

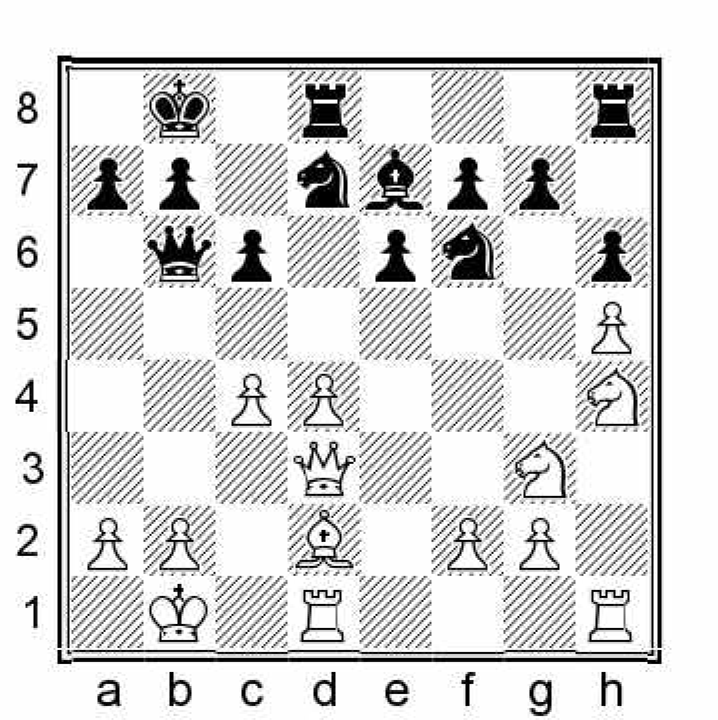
14.♘e4 - 125/40

14...O-O-O

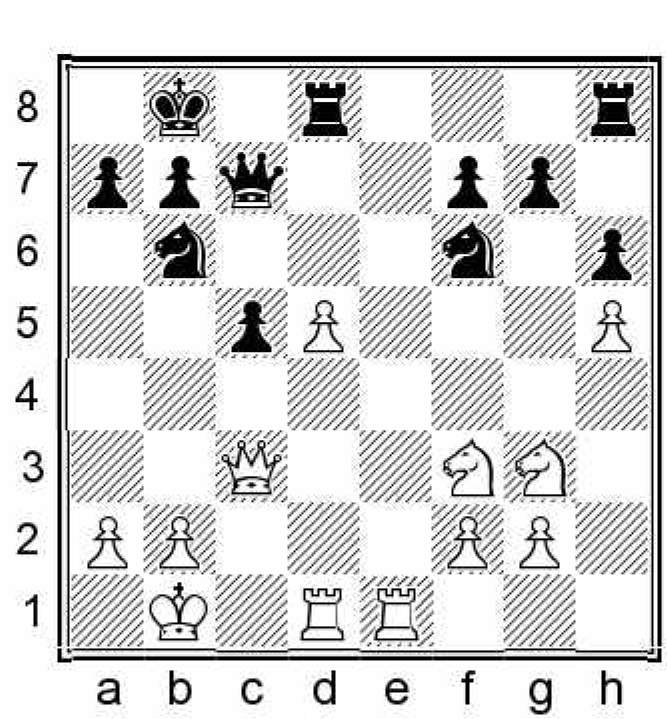
14...O-O? 15.♘gf5 exf5 (15...♖fe8 16.♕g3 exf5 17.♘xf5 ♗f8 18.♘xh6+ ♔h7 19.♘xf7 ♔g8 20.♕g6+-) 16.♘xf5 ♘d5 17.c4 ♗f6 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.♗c1±

15.c4 ♖he8

15...♔b8

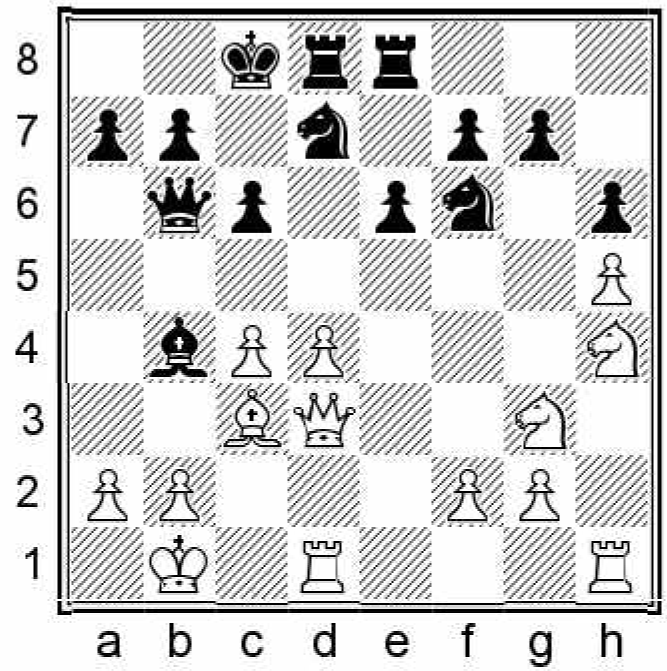


16.♗c3N (16.♗f4+) 16...♗b4 17.♘f3 (17.c5! ♕a5 18.♗xb4 ♕xb4 19.♕c2±) 17...♗xc3 18.♕xc3 ♕c7 19.♖he1 ♕f4 (19...c5 20.dxc5 (20.d5 exd5 21.cxd5 ♘b6



22.d6! ♖xd6 23.♖xd6 ♕xd6 24.♘f5 ♕c6∞) 20...♘xc5 21.♘e5 ♖hf8 22.a3 a6=; 19...♘g4 20.♖d2 ♘df6 21.♘e5 ♘xe5 22.dxe5 (22.♖xe5 ♖d7=) 22...♖xd2 23.♕xd2 ♖d8 24.♕c3 ♘d7=) 20.a3 ♕c7 21.♘e5 ♖hf8 22.b4 ♘b6 23.f4 ♘c8 24.♕c2 ♘d6 25.♖e3 ♕c8 26.♖b3 ♔a8 27.a4± Idani,P (2621)-Ghosh,D (2541) Bangladesh 152/(38) 2022

16.♗c3 ♗b4N

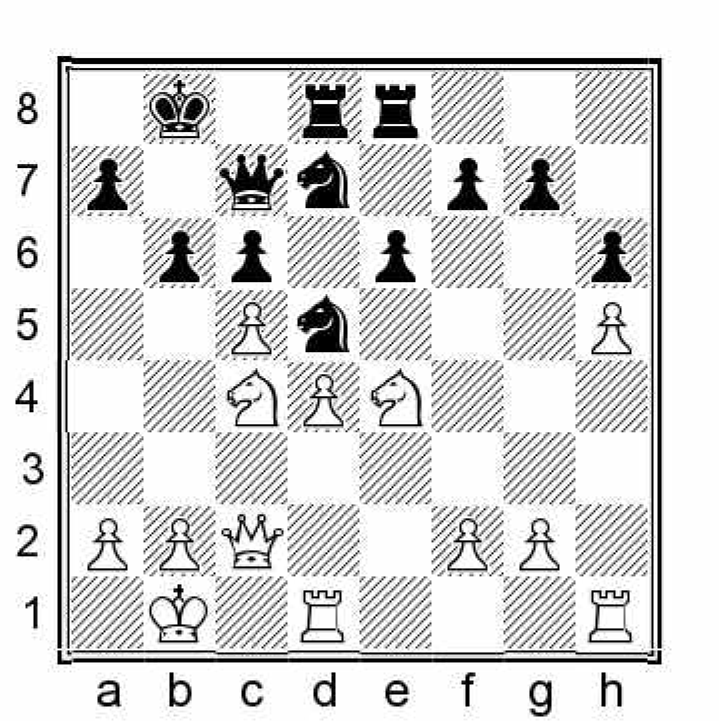


16...♗f8

17.c5! ♕a5 18.♗xb4 ♕xb4 19.♕c2 ♕a5 20.♘f3 ♕c7 21.♘d2! ♔b8 22.♘c4 ♘d5

22...♖f8 23.♖he1 ♕f4 24.♖e3±

23.♘e4 b6



24.♖h3! ♔a8 25.♖b3

25.cxb6 ♘7xb6 26.♘a5 ♘e7 27.♖c3 ♖c8 28.♘b3±

25...♖b8 26.cxb6 ♘7xb6 27.♘e5 ♖bc8 28.♖c1+- f6 29.♕xc6+ ♕xc6 30.♘xc6 ♖c7 31.♘d6 ♖f8 32.a4

32.♘b5 ♖d7 33.♖a3 ♘c8 34.g3

32...♘e7 33.♘xe7 ♖xe7 34.a5 ♘d5 35.a6 ♖d7 36.♘e4

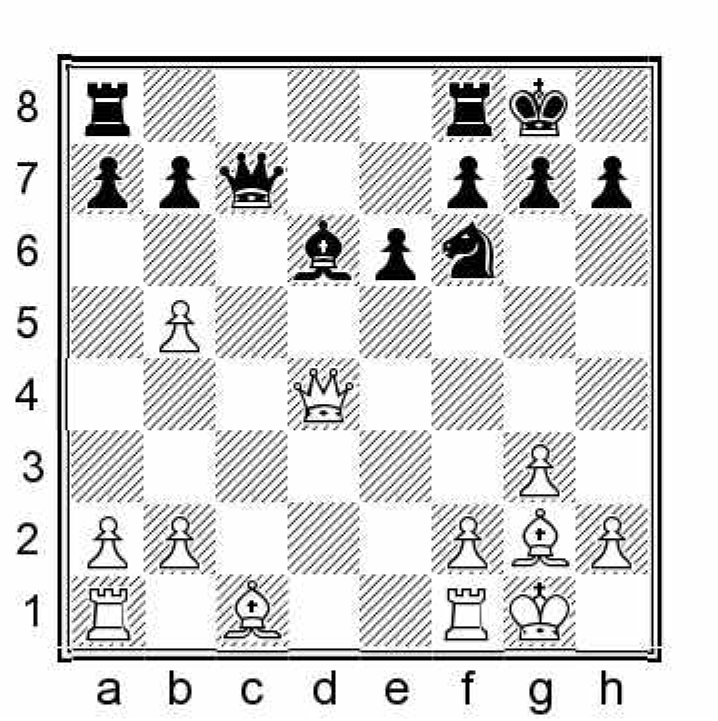
36.♘b5 ♖b8 37.♖c5

36...♘f4 37.♘c5 ♖d6 38.♖e3 ♖b8 39.g3 1-0

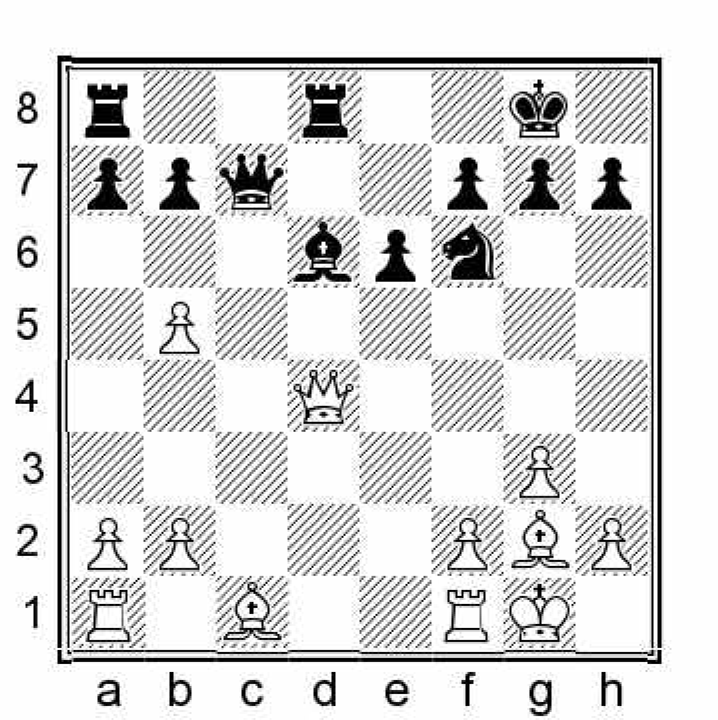
39. ** !N B22
Indjic, Aleksandar (2605) - Ter Sahakyan, Samvel (2632)
Terme Catez 152/39, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 d6 5.exd6 e6 6.g3 ♗xd6 7.♗g2 O-O 8.O-O b6

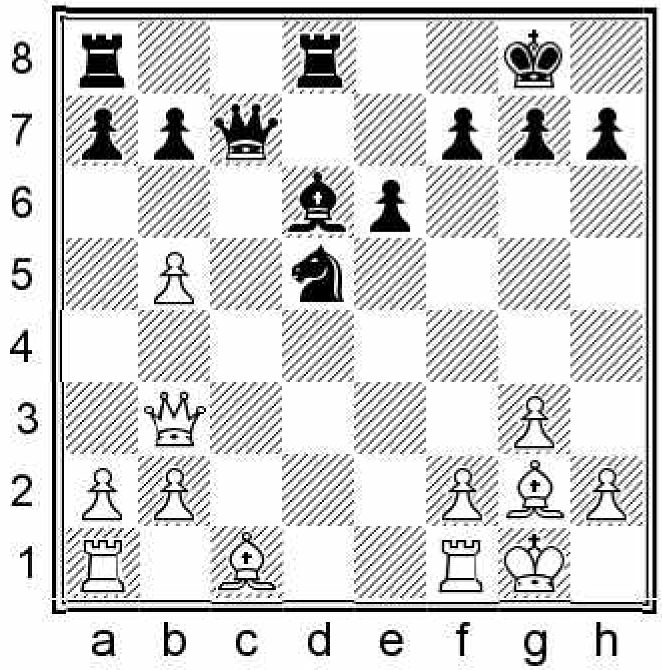
8...♘c6 - 98/(81) 9.d4 cxd4 10.♘xd4 ♘xd4 11.♕xd4 ♕c7 12.c4 (12.♘d2 - 98/(81)) 12...♘f6 13.♘c3 ♗d7 14.♘b5 ♗xb5 15.cxb5



15...♖fd8!N

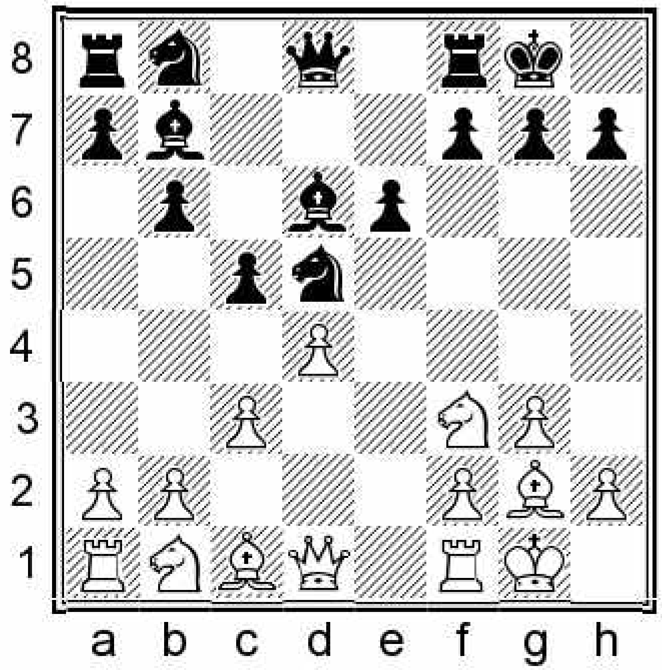


(15...♗e5) 16.♕c3 - 152/(39) (16.♕d3N ♖ac8 1/2 (16) Andersen,M (2582) -Praggnanandhaa,R (2624) Reykjavik 152/(39) 2022) 16...♘d5 17.♕b3



17...♗e5 (17...♗c5!?) 18.♗g5 ♖d7 19.♖fd1 h6 20.♖ac1 ♘c3 21.bxc3 ♖xd1+ 22.♖xd1 hxg5 23.c4 ♖c8 1/2 (23) Vazquez,G (2545)-Santos Latasa,J (2640) Mexico City 152/(39) 2022

9.d4 ♗b7



10.dxc5N

10.♘bd2

10...♗xc5

10...bxc5 11.♕e2 ♘c6 12.♖d1 ♕e7 13.♘bd2 h6 14.♘e4 ♗c7 15.c4±

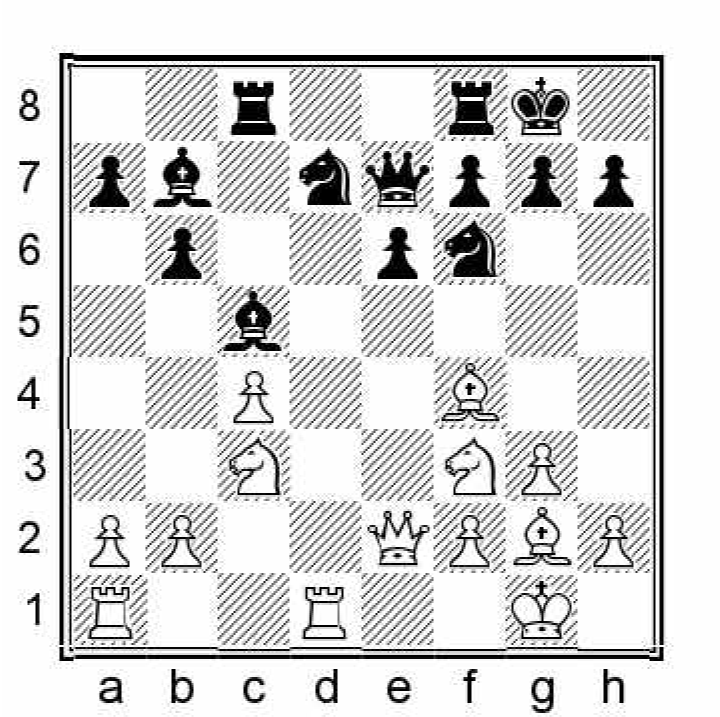
11.c4

11.♕e2 ♘f6!? (11...♘d7 12.c4 ♘5f6 13.a3 ♖c8 14.b4 ♗e7 15.♗b2 a5!?⇄) 12.♗g5 ♘bd7 13.♘bd2 ♖e8 14.♖ad1 ♕c7 15.♖fe1 h6 16.♗xf6 (16.♗f4?! e5! 17.♘xe5 ♘xe5 18.♗xe5 ♖xe5 19.♕xe5 ♗xf2+ 20.♔h1 ♗xg2+ 21.♔xg2 ♕c6+ 22.♘f3 ♗xe1 23.♕xe1 ♖e8∓) 16...♘xf6 17.♘e5 ♖ad8=

11...♘f6

11...♘e7!? 12.♘c3 ♘f5 13.♕xd8 ♖xd8 14.♗f4 ♘c6 15.♘e5 ♘a5!⇄

12.♕e2 ♘bd7 13.♘c3 ♕e7 14.♖d1 ♖ac8= 15.♗f4



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22.♔xf2 ♘g4+ 23.♔g2 ♖xe5 24.♖xe5 ♘xe5 25.b3 ♖d8 26.♘d5 f6 27.♖d1 ♔f7 28.h3 h5=

22...♘d7 23.♗xg7

23.♗f4 ♗d4 24.♖d1 ♗xc3 25.♖xd7 ♖xe2 26.♔xe2 ♗xb2 27.♖xa7 ♗d4=

23...♖xe2 24.♔xe2 ♔xg7 25.♔xf2 ♖xc4 26.♖d1 ♘f6 27.♔f3

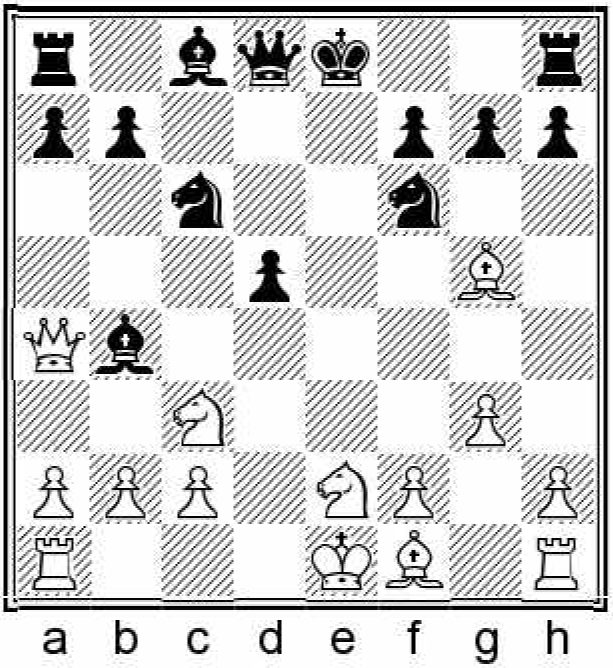
27.♔e2 h5 28.♖d8 h4=

27...h5 28.h4 ♘g4 29.♖d5 ♔h6 30.♔e2 ♖c7 31.♔d3 f6 32.♘e2 ♘e5+ 33.♔e4 ♖c2 34.♘f4 ♖xb2 35.♔f5 ♖xa2 36.♔xf6 ♘g4+ 37.♔e7 ♖a5 38.♖d6+ ♔h7 39.♖d7 ♔h6 40.♖d6+ ♔h7 41.♖d7 ♔h6 1/2-1/2

40. ** !N B23
Can, Emre (2578) - Kulaots, Kaido (2529)
Fagernes 152/40, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6

2...e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d4 (5.♗g2 - 35/196) 5...cxd4 6.♕xd4 ♘f6 7.♗g5 ♘c6 8.♕a4 ♗b4 9.♘e2



9...♗xc3+N (9...♗g4) 10.♘xc3 ♕e7+ 11.♗e2 ♗e6 12.O-O-O O-O-O?! (12...O-O 13.♕h4 ♖fc8 14.♗xf6 gxf6 15.♗d3±) 13.♗b5 d4 14.♗xc6 dxc3 15.♕xa7 cxb2+ 16.♔b1 ♕b4 17.♗f4 1-0 (17) Can,E (2578)-Volokitin,A (2687) Terme Catez 152/(40) 2022

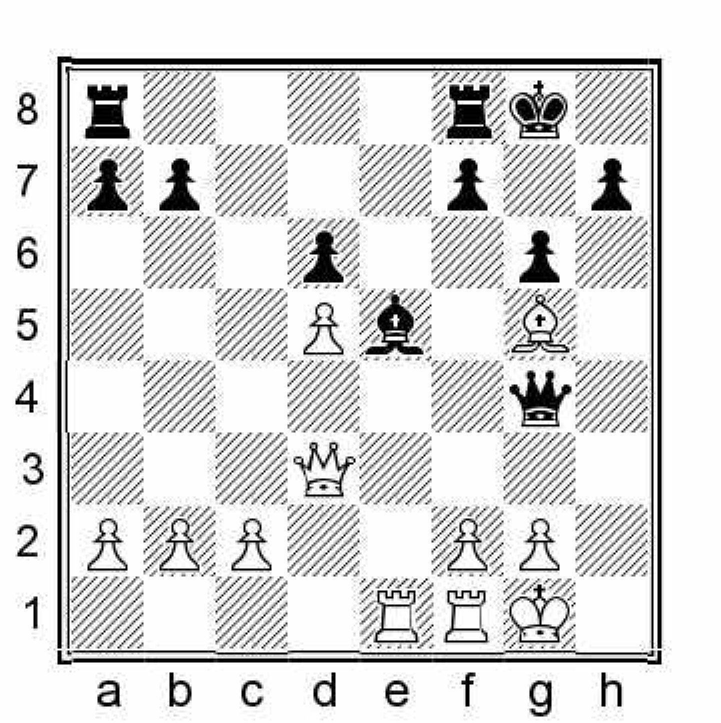
3.♗b5+ ♗d7 4.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 5.d4 cxd4 6.♕xd4 ♘c6 7.♕d3 g6 8.♘f3 ♗g7 9.O-O ♘f6 10.♘d5 O-O 11.♗g5 ♘g4

11...♘h5 - 144/(38)

12.h3 e6!

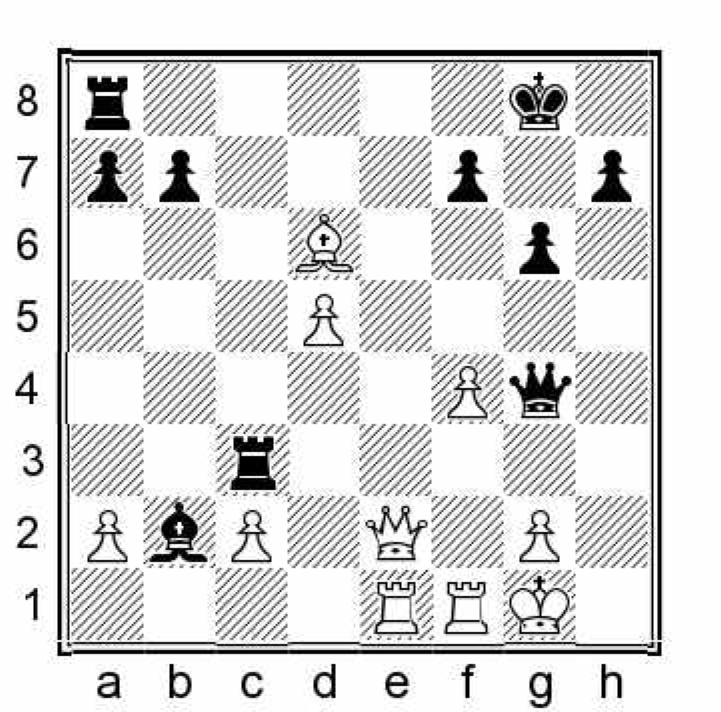
12...h6 13.♗f4 ♘ge5 14.♘xe5 ♘xe5 15.♗xe5 ♗xe5 16.c3 e6 17.♘e3 ♗g7 18.♖ad1 ♖ad8 19.f4±

13.hxg4 exd5 14.exd5 ♘e5 15.♘xe5 ♗xe5 16.♖ae1 ♕xg4



17.♗c1N

17.f4 - 152/(40) 17...♗xb2 18.♗e7 ♖fc8 19.♗xd6 (19.c4 b5! 20.cxb5 ♖c3 21.♕e2 ♕xe2 22.♖xe2 ♗a3 23.♗f6 ♖d3 24.f5 (24.♖fe1 ♔f8∓) 24...♗c5+ 25.♔h1 ♖xd5 26.g4 ♖f8 27.♔g2=∞) 19...♖c3 20.♕e2



20...♕c8!N = (20...♕xe2; 20...♕f5!?) 21.♖f2 ♖c4 22.♗e5 1/2 (22) Guseinov,G (2661)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2632) Terme Catez 152/(40) 2022

17...♕h4

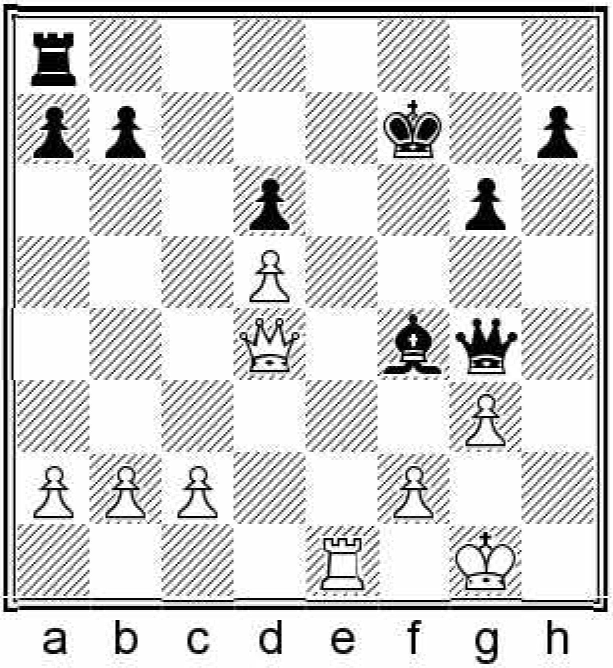
17...♖fe8 18.g3 h5 19.♖e4 ♕d7 20.♖fe1 ♗f6=

18.g3

18.f4 ♗g7 19.c3 (19.♕e4? ♖ae8! 20.♕xe8 ♗d4+ 21.♕e3 ♗xe3+ 22.♖xe3 ♕d8 23.♖fe1 ♕b6-+) 19...♖ae8 20.♗e3 a6 21.a4 ♕g4⇄

18...♕h3 19.♖e4 ♕d7 20.♖e2

20.♖fe1 ♖fe8 (20...f5?! 21.♖4e2 f4 22.♗xf4 ♗xf4 23.♖e7 ♕g4 24.♕d4 ♖f7 25.♖xf7 ♔xf7



26.♖e6! ♕g5 27.♕xf4+ ♕xf4 28.gxf4±) 21.c4 ♗f6 22.b3±

20...♖fe8 21.c4 h5⇄ 22.♖fe1 h4 23.♔g2

23.♔g2 hxg3 24.fxg3 ♔g7⇄

1/2-1/2

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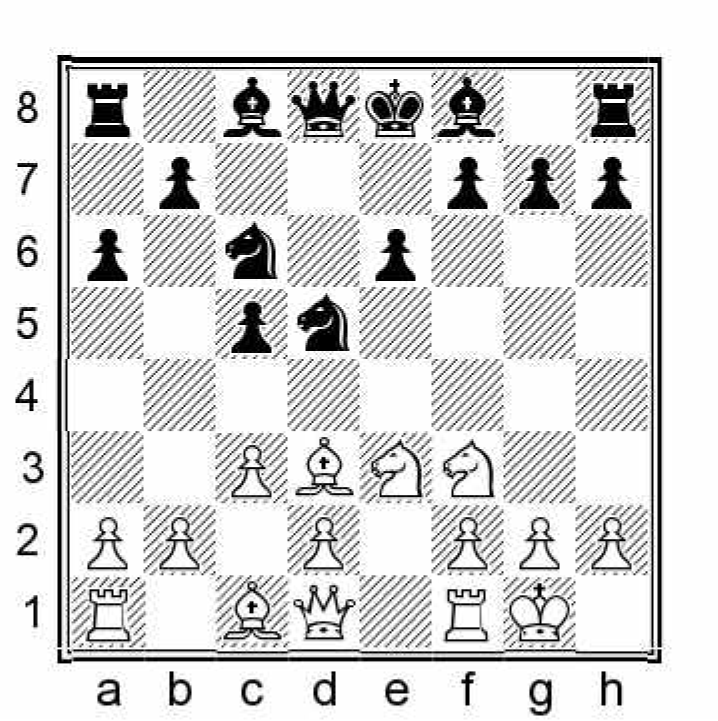
41. * B30
Erdos, Viktor (2604) - Babula, Vlastimil (2574)
Corte 152/41, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.♗b5 ♘d4 5.O-O a6 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.♘d5 d6

7...g6 - 151/48

8.♘e3 ♘f6 9.c3 d5 10.exd5 ♘xd5



10...exd5N 11.♖e1 ♗e7 12.♘f5 O-O 13.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 14.♗f1 d4 15.cxd4 (15.b4! cxb4 (15...dxc3 16.bxc5 cxd2 17.♘xd2±) 16.♘xd4±) 15...cxd4 16.b3 ♘c6 17.♗a3 ♖e8 18.♕c2± Gabrielian,A (2464)-Ghaziolsharif,K (2183) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 152/(41) 2022

11.♗e4N

11.♘xd5

11...♗e7

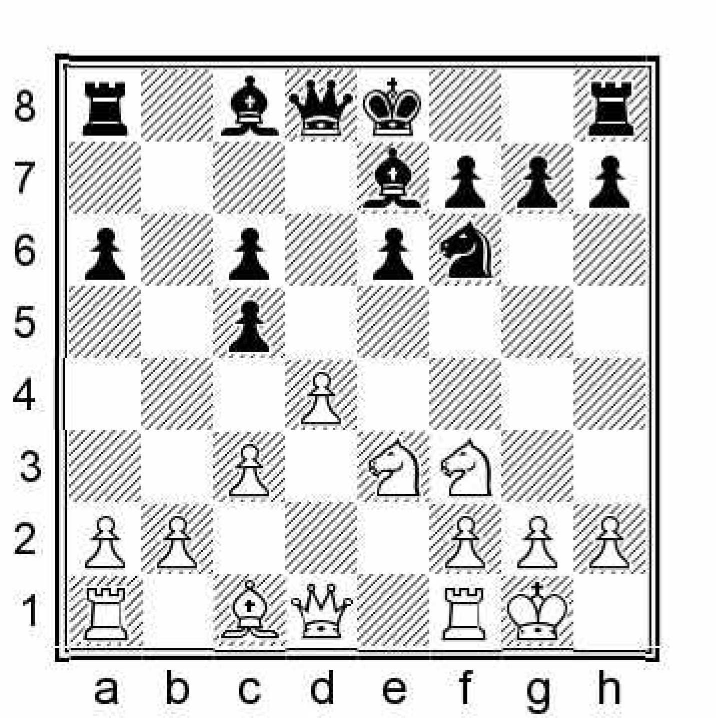
11...♗d6 12.h3 ♘f6 13.♗xc6+ bxc6 14.♘c4±; 11...♘xe3!? 12.fxe3 (12.♗xc6+ bxc6 13.dxe3 ♕xd1 14.♖xd1 f6 15.♘d2 e5∞; 12.dxe3 ♗d7=) 12...♗d6 13.d4 O-O∞

12.d4 ♘f6?!

12...cxd4 13.♘xd4 O-O 14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.c4 ♘xe3 16.♗xe3 ♕c7 17.♕f3 ♖b8 18.b3 c5 19.♗f4 e5

(19...♗d6? 20.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 21.♕d3++-) 20.♗d2±

13.♗xc6+ bxc6



14.dxc5! ♕xd1 15.♖xd1 ♗xc5 16.♘e5± ♗b7 17.♘3c4 ♘e4 18.♗e3

18.♘d3 ♗a7 19.♗f4±

18...♗xe3 19.♘xe3 f6 20.♘5c4 ♔e7 21.f3

21.♘a5 ♖ab8 22.♘ec4±

21...♘c5 22.♘a5 ♖ab8 23.♖d4 ♘d7

23...♗a8 24.♖c4 ♘d3 25.♖xc6!±

24.♖e1 g6 25.♘ec4 g5

25...e5 26.f4 ♖hd8 27.fxe5 ♘xe5 28.♘xe5 fxe5 29.♖h4±

26.♘d6 ♗a8 27.♘f5+!+- ♔d8 28.♖xe6 ♔c7 29.♖e7 ♖hd8 30.♘g7 1-0

42. B30
Esipenko, Andrey (2723) - Moiseenko, Alexander (2602)
Deutschland 152/42, 2022

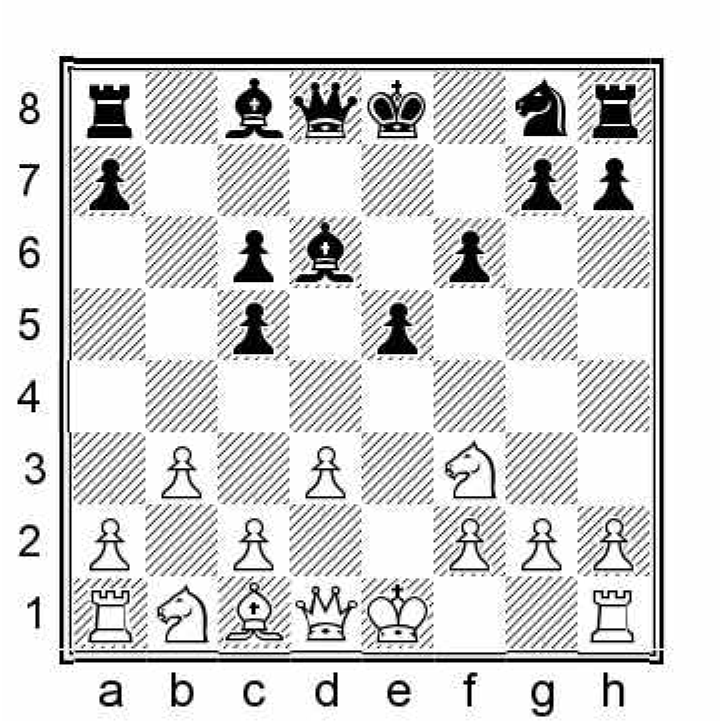
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 e6 4.♗xc6 bxc6 5.b3 d6 6.e5 f6

6...dxe5 - 118/(49)

7.exd6 e5 8.d3N

8.O-O

8...♗xd6



9.♘fd2! ♘e7 10.♕h5+ ♘g6

10...g6 11.♕f3 ♘f5 12.♘c4 ♘d4 13.♘xd6+ ♕xd6 14.♕d1 O-O 15.O-O ♗f5 16.♘c3±

11.♗b2 O-O 12.g3 ♗e6

12...♘e7 13.♘c3 ♘f5 14.O-O-O ♘d4 15.♔b1±

13.♘a3

13.♘c3 ♘e7 14.O-O-O ♘f5 15.♕e2 ♘d4 16.♕f1±

13...♗f7

13...♗d5 14.♖f1 a5 15.♘ac4 a4 16.O-O-O ♗c7 17.♖de1 ♖e8 18.♘e4±; 13...a5 14.♘ac4 a4 15.O-O-O ♗c7 16.♘e4 ♕e7∞

14.♕e2 ♖e8 15.♘ac4 ♗e7

15...♘f4 16.♕f1 ♘e6 17.O-O-O ♘d4 18.h4 ♗c7 19.♔b1±

16.O-O-O ♘f8 17.h4 ♘e6 18.g4 ♘d4 19.♕e3 ♗f8 20.♖de1 ♕c7 21.♖hg1 ♗d5 22.♕h3

22.♔b1 a5 23.a4 ♗d6 24.g5 f5 25.h5±

22...♖ad8 23.♔b1 ♔h8 24.♕g3

24.g5 ♕f7 (24...f5? 25.c3+-) 25.♕g3 ♗e7 26.gxf6 gxf6 27.f4 ♖g8 28.♕h2±

24...♕f7 25.g5 ♘f5 26.♕h3 ♘d4 27.♘e4?!

27.♕g3!± - 24.g5

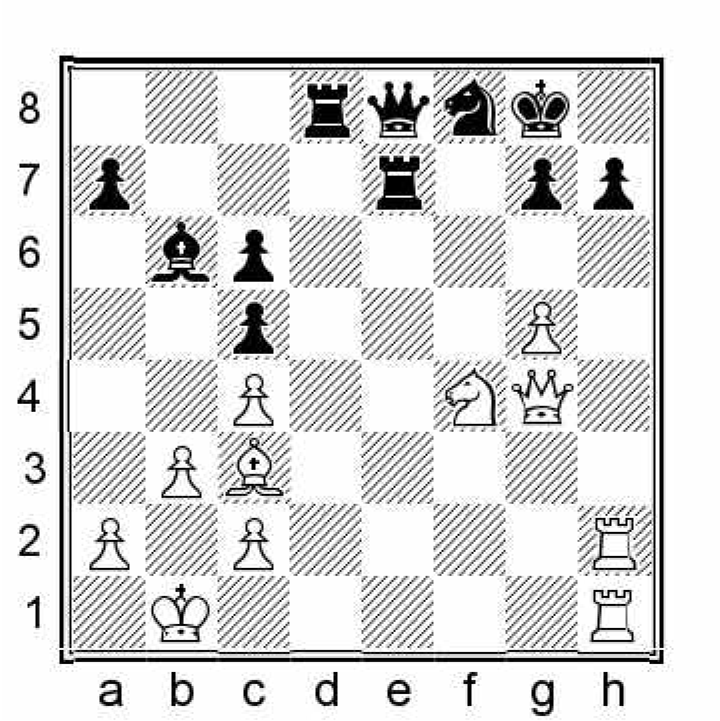
27...fxg5?

27...♗xc4 28.dxc4 f5 29.g6! ♕e6 (29...hxg6? 30.♘g5 ♕f6 31.h5!+-) 30.♘d2 e4 31.c3 ♘b5! 32.♗c1 ♘d6 33.♘f3 h6 34.♘g5 ♕xg6 35.♘xe4 ♕h5 36.♘xd6 ♖xe1 37.♘f7+ ♕xf7 38.♖xe1±

28.hxg5 ♕g6 29.♖h1 ♗xc4 30.dxc4 ♗d6 31.♖h2 ♘e6 32.♕g4 ♗c7 33.♖eh1 ♘f8 34.♗c3

34.♘xc5 e4 (34...♗b6 35.♘e4+-) 35.♖h6+-

34...♗b6 35.♘g3 ♔g8 36.♘h5 ♖e7 37.f4 exf4 38.♘xf4 ♕e8



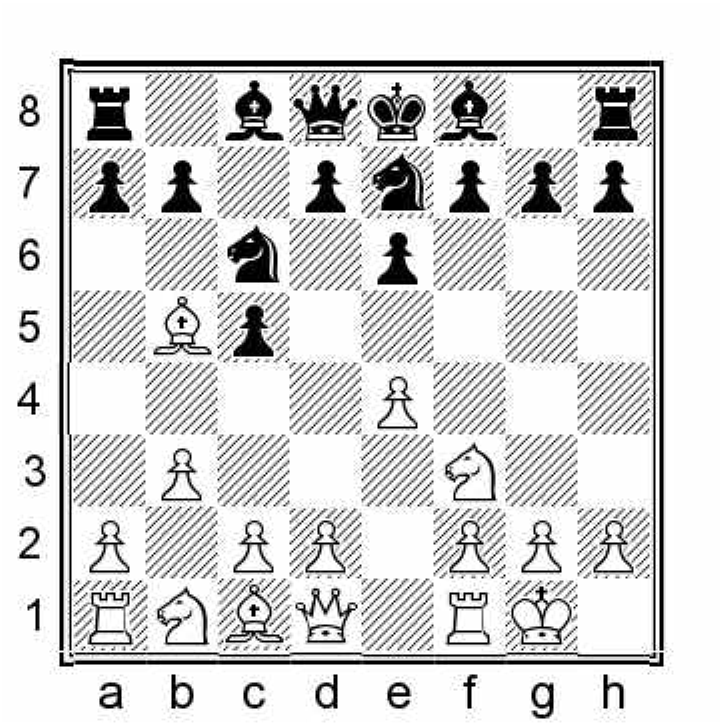
39.♖xh7! ♘xh7 40.g6+- ♘f8

40...♘f6 41.♕h4

41.♕h5 ♖d1+ 42.♖xd1 1-0

43. B30
Zhang, Zhong (2640) - Li, Di (2579)
Hangzhou 152/43, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 e6 4.O-O ♘ge7 5.b3



5...♖g8?N

5...a6 - 90/106

6.d4

6.c3 a6 7.♗xc6 ♘xc6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.exd5 exd5 11.♖e1+ ♗e7 12.♘c3±

6...cxd4 7.♗b2 g5?!

7...a6 8.♗e2 d5 9.exd5 ♕xd5 10.♘xd4 ♘xd4 11.♗xd4±

8.♘xd4 ♘g6 9.♘d2 ♕c7 10.♖e1

10.♘c4±

10...♘ce5 11.♗f1 ♗c5

11...b6!?

12.a3 a6 13.b4 ♗a7?!

13...♗f8!?

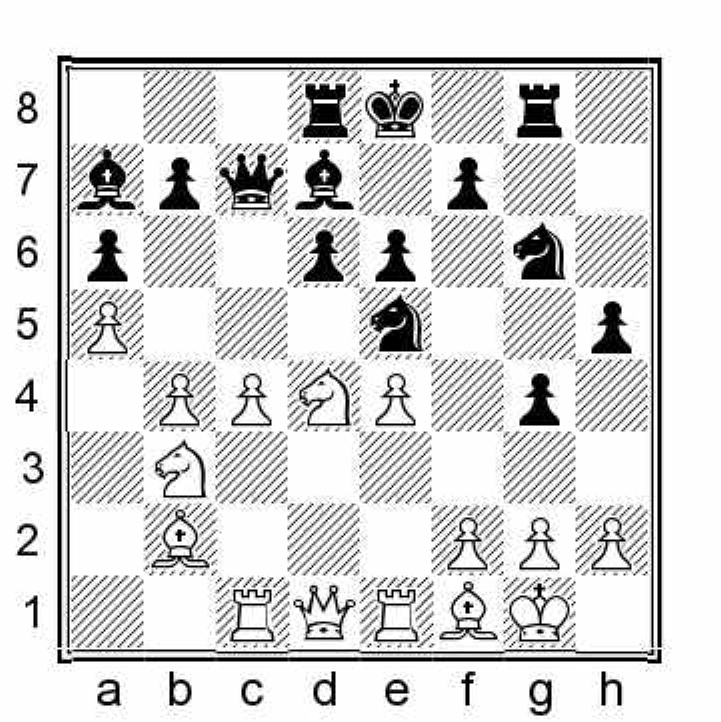
14.c4! d6 15.♖c1

15.♘2b3!?

15...♗d7 16.a4?!

16.♘4f3 ♘xf3+ 17.♕xf3 e5 18.c5 g4 19.♕f6±

16...g4 17.a5 h5 18.♘2b3 ♖d8?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18...♗a4 19.♖c3 h4±

19.♘b5! ♗xb5 20.cxb5 ♕e7 21.b6 ♗b8 22.♘d4 d5

22...♔f8 23.♕d2 ♔g7 24.b5 axb5 25.a6 bxa6 26.♘c6+-

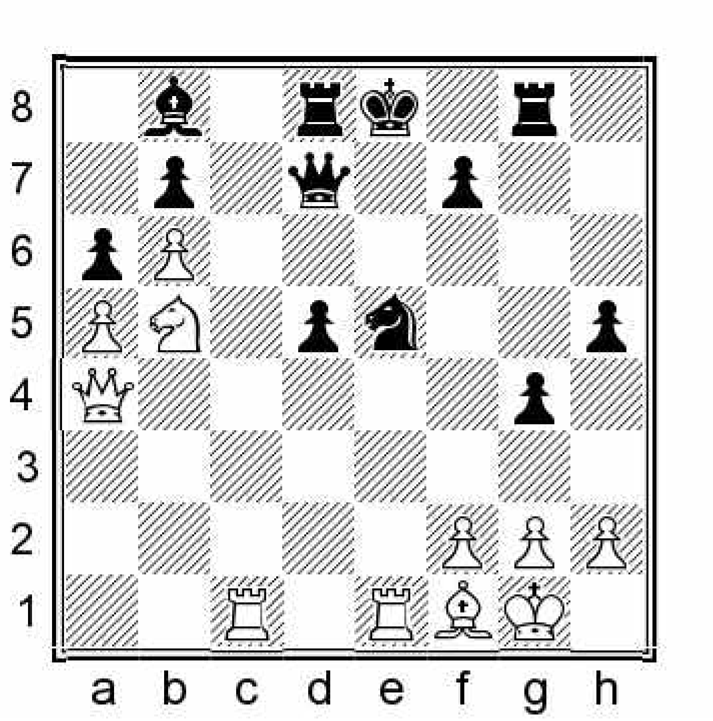
23.exd5

23.b5

23...♕xb4 24.♗c3 ♕d6

24...♕a3 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.♕c2+-

25.♕a4+ ♕d7 26.♘b5 exd5 27.♗xe5 ♘xe5



28.♖c7! ♗xc7 29.bxc7 f6 30.♕b4

30.♕f4 ♕e7 31.cxd8=♕+ ♔xd8 32.♘d4+-

30...♕e7 31.cxd8=♕+ ♔xd8 32.♘d6 ♔d7 33.♕xb7+ ♔e6

33...♔xd6 34.♕xa6++-

34.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 35.♘b7 ♖c8 36.♗xa6 ♖c2 37.♖a1 ♖c7 38.♔f1 d4 39.♔e1 ♔e6 40.♘d8+

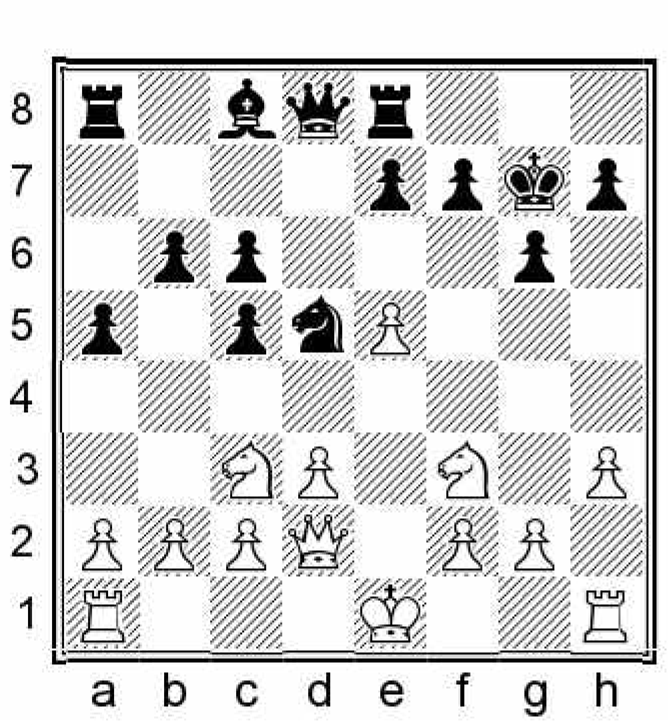
40.♔d2

40...♔d7 41.♗b7 ♖c2 42.a6 ♘d3+ 43.♔f1 1-0

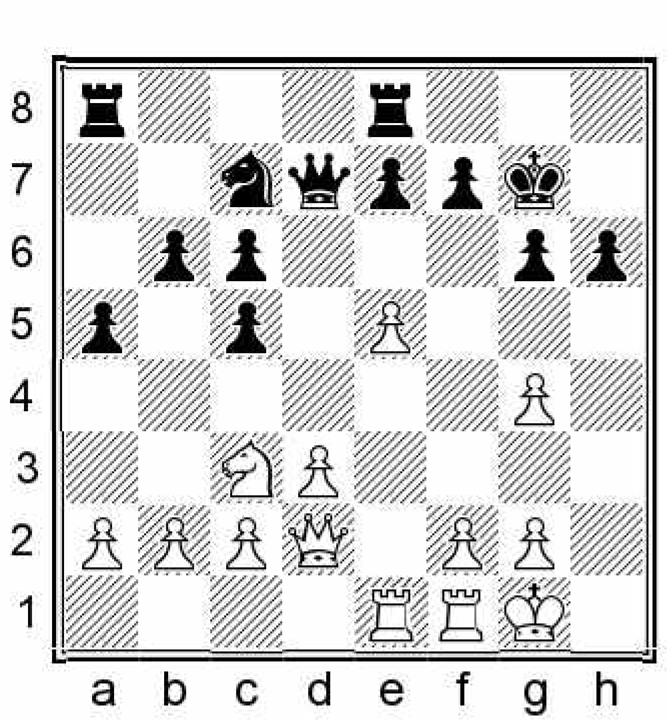
44. * B31
Lupulescu, Constantin (2622) - Nanu, Ciprian Costica (2513)
Romania (ch-rapid) 152/44, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.♗xc6 dxc6 5.d3 ♗g4

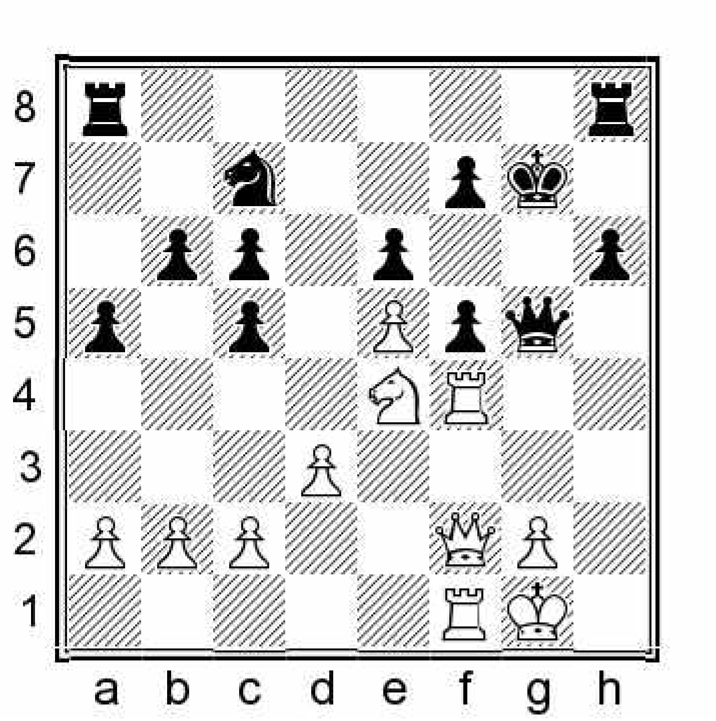
5...♗g7 6.h3 ♘f6 7.♘c3 O-O 8.♗e3 b6 9.♕d2 a5 (9...e5 - 138/(60)) 10.♗h6 ♖e8 11.e5 ♘d5 12.♗xg7 ♔xg7



13.O-ON (13.♘e4) 13...♘c7 (13...♘xc3 14.bxc3 (14.♕xc3 a4∞) 14...c4 15.♕e3 cxd3 16.cxd3 c5∞) 14.♖ae1 h6 15.♘h2 (15.♘h4!? g5 16.♘f3 ♗f5 17.h4 f6 18.♖e3 ♘e6 19.♖fe1↑) 15...♗e6 16.♘g4 (16.f4 f5!?∞) 16...♗xg4 17.hxg4 ♕d7



18.♖e4!↑ ♖h8 19.f4! ♕xg4 20.f5 ♕g5 21.♖ef4 (21.f6+! ♔g8 (21...exf6 22.exf6+ ♔g8 23.♕e2 ♕h5 24.♕e1±; 21...♔h7 22.♕e2 h5 23.e6!±) 22.♕e1! e6 23.♖f3 h5 24.♖g3 ♕h6 25.♖h4 ♘b5 26.♘e4 ♘d4 27.♖g5!± Δ♘xc2 28.♕f2 ♘d4 29.g4 ♖h7 30.gxh5 ♘f5 31.hxg6 ♕xh4 32.gxh7+ ♔h8 33.♕xh4 ♘xh4 34.♔f2 ♘g6 35.♖xg6 fxg6 36.♘g5+-) 21...gxf5 22.♕f2 e6 23.♘e4

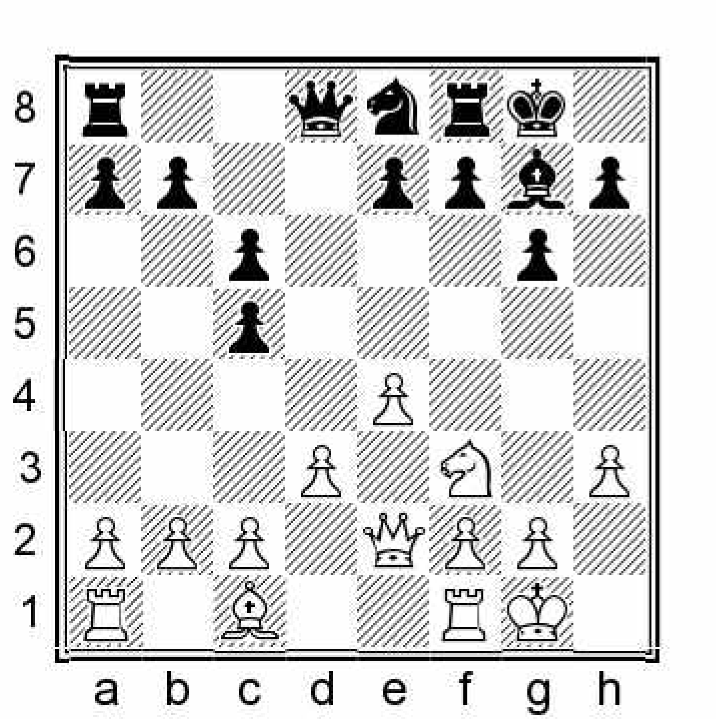


23...♕g6? (23...♕d8! 24.g4 ♘d5 25.♖f3 ♘e7 26.♘d6 ♖g8! 27.♔h2 ♔h7 28.gxf5 ♘xf5 29.♘xf5 exf5 30.♖xf5 ♖a7 31.♕f4 ♖g6 32.♖xf7+ ♖xf7 33.♕xf7+ ♖g7 34.♕f6 ♕d4=; 23...♕e7?! 24.g4 ♘d5 25.gxf5 ♘xf4 26.f6+ ♔h7 27.fxe7 ♘h3+ 28.♔g2 ♘xf2 29.♖xf2 ♖hg8+ 30.♔h3 ♖ge8 31.♖xf7+ ♔g6 32.♘d6±) 24.♖f3!+- fxe4 25.♖g3 1-0 (25) Lupulescu,C (2622)-Nanu,C (2513) Romania (ch) 152/(44) 2022

6.♘bd2 ♗g7 7.h3 ♗xf3 8.♘xf3 ♘f6 9.O-O O-O

9...♘d7 10.♗e3 b6 11.c3 O-O 12.♕c2± - 68/(134)

10.♕e2 ♘e8



11.e5!?N

11.♗e3 b6 12.c3 e5 13.♖fd1 ♕e7 Δ Nc7-e6

11...♘c7 12.h4!?

12.♖e1 ♘e6 13.b3 ♕d5 14.♗b2 ♖fe8 15.h4 ♖ad8 16.♘g5!? ♘d4 17.♗xd4 ♕xd4 18.g3 ♖d5 19.♘f3 ♕b2⇄

12...♘e6

12...h5 13.b3 ♘e6 14.♗b2 ♗h6!?∞

13.h5 ♘d4 14.♘xd4 ♕xd4 15.♖e1 ♖ad8

⌓15...♕h4 16.g3 ♕h3 (16...♕xh5 17.♕xh5 gxh5 18.♔g2 h4 19.gxh4 ♖ad8 20.h5±) 17.♗g5 (17.♕f3 ♖ad8 18.♗g5 f6 19.exf6 exf6 20.♗f4 ♕xh5 21.♕xh5 gxh5 22.♖e7 ♖f7 23.♖ae1 ♗f8=) 17...♖ae8 18.♕f3 ♕xh5 19.♕xh5 gxh5 20.♔g2 f6 21.♗f4 h4 22.gxh4 fxe5 23.♗xe5 ♖f5=

16.♗g5 ♖fe8

16...♖d5 17.c3 ♕xe5 18.♕xe5 ♖xe5 19.♖xe5 ♗xe5 20.♗xe7±; 16...f6 17.exf6 exf6 18.♗e3 ♕d5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.♕g4 ♔h7 (20...♔f7 21.♗xc5±) 21.♖e2 Δ Rae1±

17.e6

17.h6 ♗f8 (17...♗h8 18.g3 ♖d5 19.♗f4 ♕xb2 20.♖ab1 ♕xa2 21.♖xb7 a5 22.♖a7±) 18.b3 f6 19.♗d2 ♖d5 20.exf6 e6 21.f7+ ♔xf7 22.g4±

17...f5∞ 18.h6

18.hxg6 hxg6 19.♖ad1 (Δ c3) (19.♕f3 ♗f6 20.♗e3 ♕d5 21.♕h3 ♕xe6 22.♗xc5 ♕f7 23.♗xa7 ♗xb2=) 19...♕xb2 20.♖b1 ♕xa2 21.♖xb7 ♗c3 22.♖f1 ♖d6 23.♖b3 ♗g7∞

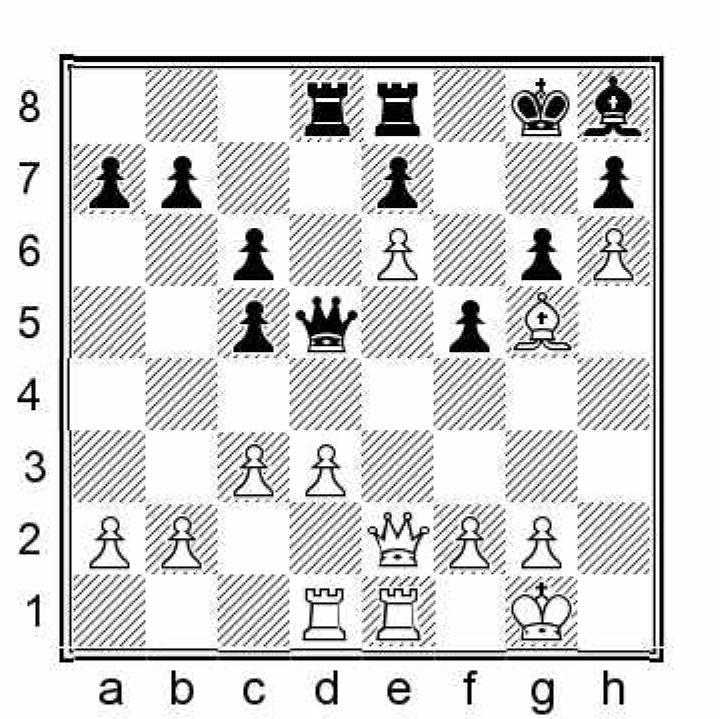
18...♗h8

18...♗f6 19.♗e3 ♕e5 20.♖ab1 ♕xe6 21.♗xc5 ♕xe2 22.♖xe2 ♔f7 Δ Rd5⇄

19.♖ad1 ♕d5

19...♗f6!? 20.c3 ♕g4 21.♕xg4 fxg4 22.♗c1 ♖d5 23.♖e4 ♖ed8 24.♖xg4 ♖e5! (24...♖xd3 25.♖xd3 ♖xd3 26.♗e3 ♖d1+ 27.♔h2 ♖b1 28.♗xc5 ♖xb2 29.♖b4±) 25.♖a4 a6 26.g4 ♖xe6 27.g5 ♗e5 28.♗e3 ♗d6 29.♔f1 ♖e5 30.♖e4 ♖f5 31.♔e2 ♔f7=

20.c3



20...♗f6!

20...♕xa2?! 21.♖a1 ♕b3 22.♖xa7 ♔f8 23.♖a5 ♕d5 24.♕e3 ♕xd3 25.♕xc5 ♖d5 26.♕a3 ♖xa5 27.♕xa5 ♕d8 28.♕c5±

21.♗f4

21.♗xf6 exf6 22.d4 ♖d6! (22...c4 23.b3±) 23.dxc5 ♖dxe6 24.♖xd5 ♖xe2 25.♖xe2 ♖xe2 26.♖d7 ♖xb2 27.♖g7+ ♔f8 28.♖xh7 ♔g8 29.♖g7+ ♔h8 30.♖xg6 ♖xa2=

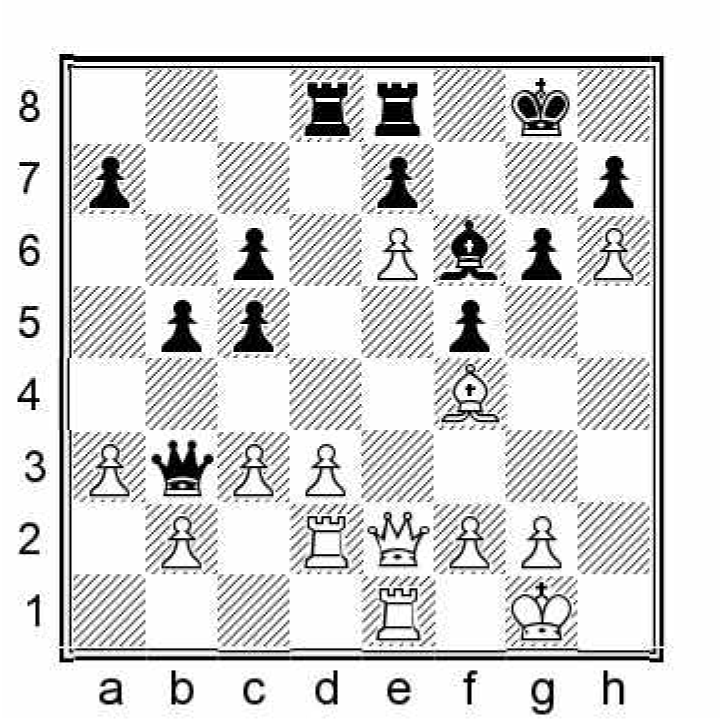
21...b5?!

21...g5 22.♗c7 ♖c8 23.c4 ♕d4 24.♗e5 ♗xe5 25.♕xe5 ♖f8! 26.♕g3 ♕f6⇄

22.a3

22.g3!? ♕xa2 23.♗c7 ♖a8 24.♖a1 ♕b3 25.♖a3 ♕d5 26.♖a6±

22...♕b3 23.♖d2



23...♖d5

23...♖f8!? 24.♖ed1 g5 25.♗c7 ♖c8 26.♗e5 ♕xe6 27.♖e1=∞

24.♕e3

24.♖ed1!? ♔f8 (24...g5? 25.♗xg5+-; 24...♖f8?! 25.c4!± Δ 25...bxc4 26.dxc4 ♖d4 27.♗e5! ♖e4 28.♖d8!+-) 25.g3±

24...♖ed8

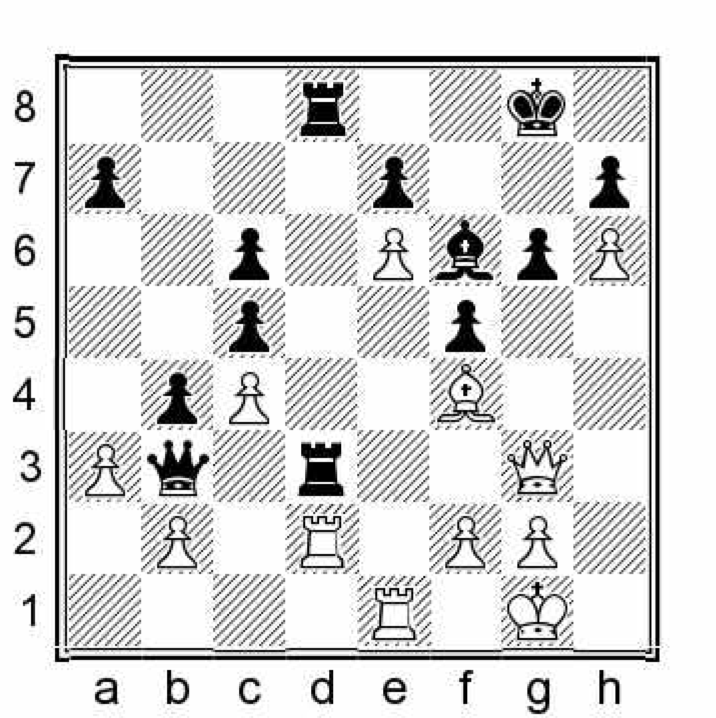
24...a5 25.♕e2!? a4 26.♖ed1±

25.♕g3 b4?

25...♖f8 26.♗g5 f4! 27.♗xf4 ♖f5 28.♖de2 ♕a4 29.♗e3 ♖h5 30.♖f1 ♕b3 31.♗f4 a5 Δ b4⇄

26.axb4

26.c4! bxa3 (26...♖xd3



27.♖e3!+-) 27.cxd5 axb2 28.♖b1 ♕a2 29.♖dd1 ♕xd5 30.d4+-

26...cxb4 27.d4?⊕

27.c4! ♖5d6 (27...♖xd3 28.♖e3!+-) 28.♗xd6 ♖xd6 29.♕f4+-

27...bxc3⊕

27...a5! 28.♗e5 ♗xe5 29.♖xe5 a4⇄

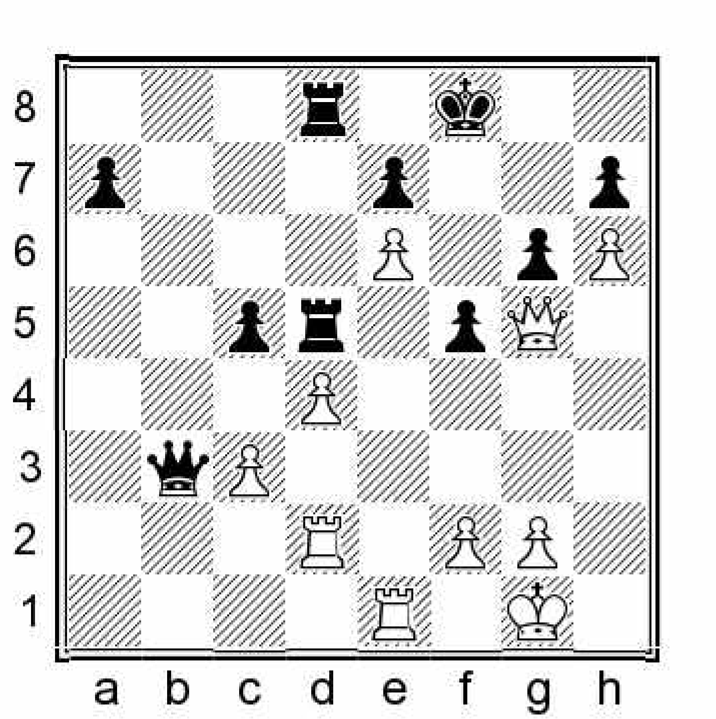
28.bxc3 c5

28...a5 29.♖dd1! (29.♗g5 ♗xg5 30.♕xg5 ♔f8 31.♕e3 a4⇄) 29...♖b5 30.♗g5 f4 (30...♗xg5 31.♕xg5 ♔f8 32.♕g3! ♔e8 33.♕xg6+! hxg6 34.h7±) 31.♗xf4 a4 32.♕f3 ♕c4 33.♖a1±

29.♗g5 ♗xg5

⌓29...f4 30.♗xf4 cxd4 31.♗e5 ♗xe5 32.♖xe5 ♖f8 33.♖e1±

30.♕xg5 ♔f8



31.♕e3!± cxd4

31...c4 32.♖dd1 Δ Rb1+-

31...♕b8 32.♖ed1 c4 33.♖a2 a5 34.♖da1 ♕b6 35.♕e2 ♖b8 36.g3±

32.♖xd4+- ♖xd4

32...♖c8 33.♕e2! ♖dc5 34.♖ed1+-

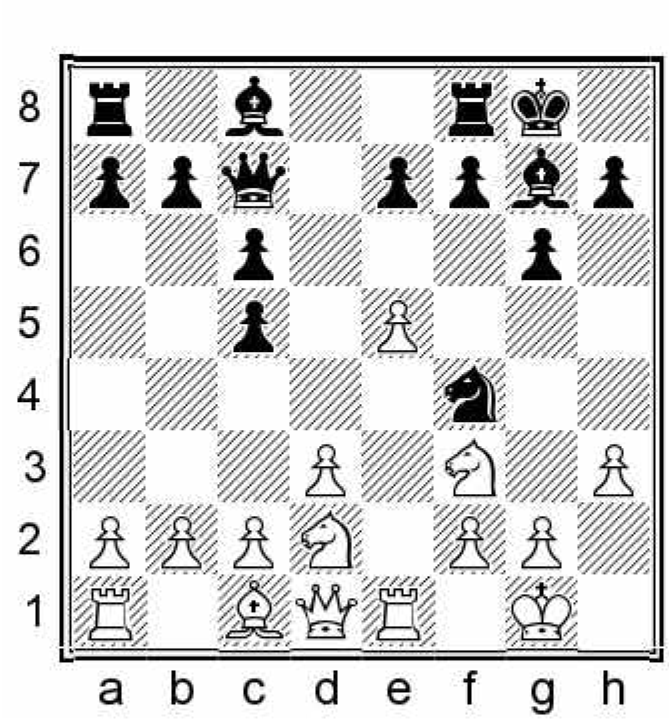
33.♕e5! 1-0

45. B31
Carlsen, Magnus (2864) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2624)
Oslo (m/1-rapid) 152/45, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.O-O ♗g7 5.d3 ♘f6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.♖e1 O-O 8.h3 ♕c7

8...b6 - 90/111

9.e5 ♘d5 10.♘bd2 ♘f4



11.♘e4!?N

11.b3 b6 12.♘f1 ♘e6=

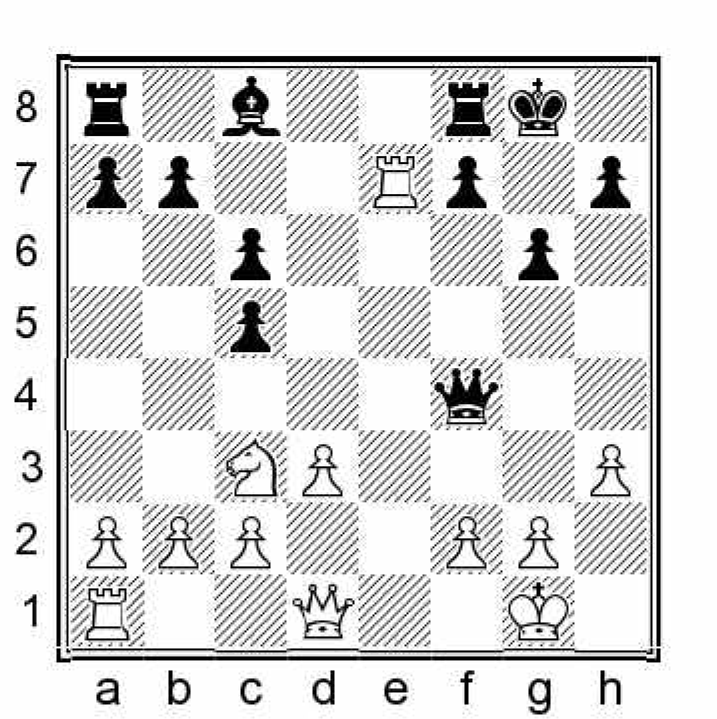
11...♗xe5

⌓11...♘e6 12.♘eg5 (12.a4 ♖d8∞) 12...♘d4 13.♗f4 h6 14.♘e4 b6 15.c3 ♘e6 16.♗g3 ♗a6 17.♕c2 ♕d7 18.♖ad1 ♖ad8 19.c4 ♗c8∞

12.♘xe5 ♕xe5 13.♘c3

13.♘g3!? ♕c7 14.♗xf4 ♕xf4 15.♖xe7 ♕f6 (15...b6 16.♖e4 ♕f6 17.♕d2 ♗d7 (17...♕xb2 18.♖ae1 ♕f6 19.♕h6 ♕g7 20.♕f4 ♗e6 21.h4±) 18.♖ae1±) 16.♕e1 b6 17.♖e5 ♗d7 18.♕c3±

13...♕c7 14.♗xf4 ♕xf4 15.♖xe7



15...♗xh3! 16.♖xb7

16.gxh3?? ♕g5+-+

16...♗c8

16...♗f5 17.♕c1 ♕d6 18.♕e3 ♖fe8 19.♘e4 ♗xe4 20.dxe4 ♖ab8=

17.♖e7 ♗e6 18.♕c1 ♕h4

18...♕d6 19.♖b7 ♗f5= - 16...Bf5

19.♖c7 c4

19...♖fc8 20.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 21.♘e4 ♗d5 22.♕e3 (22.♘xc5 ♕g4 23.♘e4 ♗xe4 24.dxe4 ♕xe4=) 22...♗xe4 23.dxe4±

20.dxc4

20.♖xc6 cxd3 21.cxd3 ♖ad8 22.♕e3 ♗d5 23.♖c5 ♖fe8 24.♕g3±

20...♕xc4 21.♕e3 ♗d5?

21...♕b4 22.b3 ♕a5 23.♖xc6 ♖ac8 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.♘e4 ♕e5 26.♖c1 (26.c3 ♗d5=) 26...♗f5 27.f3 ♗xe4 28.fxe4 ♖c3 29.♕xa7 ♖c5 30.♕a8+ ♔g7 31.♕d8 ♕c3 32.♔f2 h5=

22.♘xd5

22.♖xa7? ♖xa7 23.♕xa7 ♗xg2! 24.♔xg2 ♕g4+ 25.♔f1 ♕h3+ 26.♔g1 ♕g4+=

22...♕xd5 23.♖xa7 ♖ae8 24.♖e7

24.♕c3 ♖e2 25.♖a5! ♖xc2 26.♕xc2 ♕xa5 27.♕xc6±

24...♖xe7 25.♕xe7 ♕d4 26.c3±

26.♕b7 ♖e8 27.c3 ♕d2 - 26.c3

26...♕d2 27.♕b7 ♖e8 28.♕xc6 ♖e1+ 29.♖xe1 ♕xe1+ 30.♔h2 ♕xf2 31.♕e8+ ♔g7 32.♕e5+ f6

32...♔g8? 33.b4 ♕xa2 34.b5+-

33.♕e7+ ♔h6?

33...♔g8 34.♕b4±

34.b4 ♕f4+ 35.♔g1 ♕c1+ 36.♔f2 ♕d2+

36...♕f4+ 37.♔e2 ♕c4+ 38.♔d2 ♕xa2+ 39.♔d3 ♕d5+ 40.♔e3±

37.♕e2

37.♔f3! ♕d1+ (37...♕d5+ 38.♕e4 ♕xa2 39.b5+-) 38.♕e2 ♕d7 39.c4+-

37...♕f4+ 38.♕f3 ♕d2+ 39.♔g3 ♔g7 40.a4?

40.♕b7+ ♔g8 (40...♔h6 41.♕c6±) 41.♕c8+ ♔g7 42.♕c7+ ♔g8 43.♕c4+ ♔g7 44.♔f3±

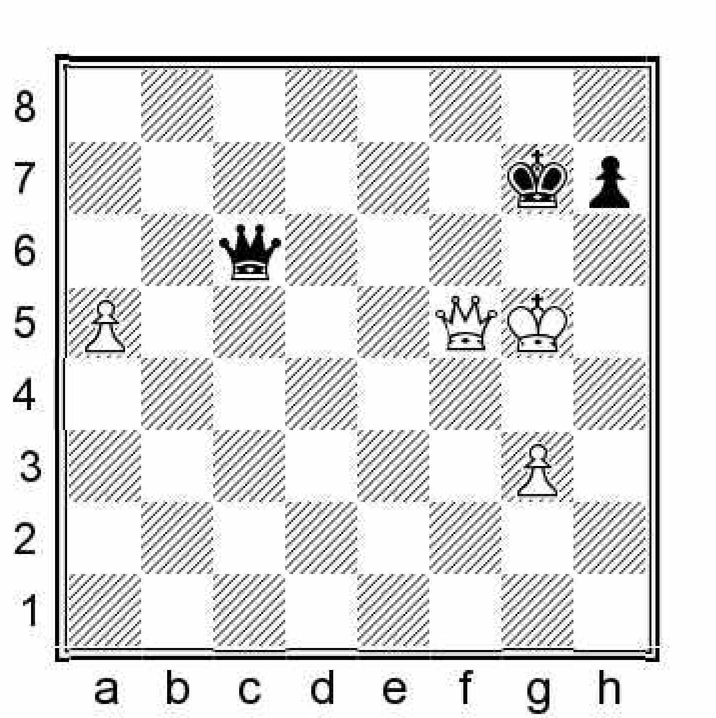
40...♕g5+ 41.♔f2 ♕d2+ 42.♕e2 ♕xc3 43.♕e7+ ♔g8 44.a5

44.♕e8+ ♔g7 45.♕d7+ ♔g8 46.b5 g5=

44...♕d2+ 45.♔g3 g5 46.♕xf6 ♕e1+ 47.♕f2 ♕xb4 48.♕f5 ♕e1+ 49.♔g4 ♕b4+?

49...♕e2+! 50.♔xg5 (50.♔h3 ♕e7=) 50...♕xg2+ 51.♔f6 (51.♕g4 ♕c6 52.♕b4 ♔f7=) 51...♕b7□ 52.♕g5+ (52.♕e6+ ♔f8 53.a6 ♕b2+=) 52...♔f8 (52...♔h8?? 53.♕e5 ♕f3+ 54.♔e7+ ♔g8 55.♕g5+ ♔h8 56.♕f6++-) 53.♕c5+ ♔e8=

50.♔xg5 ♕d2+ 51.♔h5 ♕d6 52.g3 ♕c6 53.♔g5 ♔g7



54.♕e5+! ♔f7 55.♕f4+ ♔g7 56.♕d4+ ♔g8 57.♕b6 ♕d5+ 58.♔f6 ♕f3+ 59.♔e7 ♕a3+

59...♕f7+ 60.♔d8 ♕f8+ 61.♔c7 ♕f7+ 62.♔b8+-

60.♕d6!+- ♕f3

60...♕xa5? 61.♕e6+ ♔g7 62.♕f6+ ♔g8 63.♕f8#

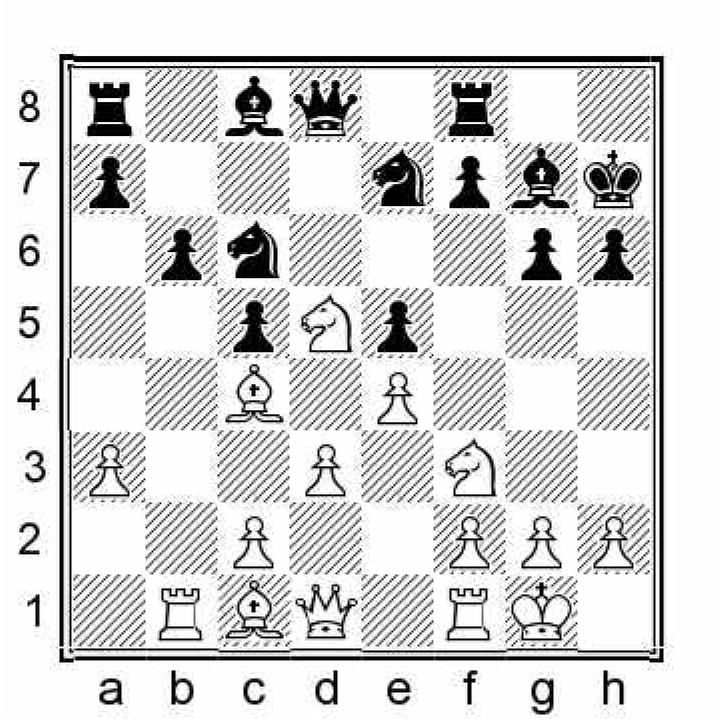
61.a6 ♕f7+ 62.♔d8 ♕a2 63.♔c7 ♕f7+ 64.♔b6 ♕b3+ 65.♔a7 ♕f7+ 66.♔a8 ♕f3+ 67.♔b8 ♕b3+ 68.♔c8 ♕c4+ 69.♔b7 ♕b3+ 70.♕b6 ♕f3+ 71.♔a7 ♕a3 72.♔a8 ♔g7 73.a7 ♕f8+ 74.♔b7 ♕f3+ 75.♕c6 ♕b3+ 76.♔c8 1-0

46. B31
Swiercz, Dariusz (2656) - Lenderman, Aleksandr (2600)
Saint Louis 152/46, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♗b5 ♗g7 5.O-O e5 6.a3 ♘ge7 7.♗c4

7.b4 - 97/82

7...O-O 8.d3 d6 9.♖b1 h6 10.b4 ♔h7 11.bxc5 dxc5 12.♘d5 b6



13.♘xe7N

13.♖e1 ♗e6 14.♘xe7 ♕xe7 15.♗d5 ♖ac8 16.c4±

13...♕xe7 14.♗d5 ♗d7 15.♖e1 ♖ac8 16.♗d2

16.c4±

16...♕d6 17.c4 ♘e7 18.♗c3 g5 19.♕c2 ♘g6 20.g3 ♘e7 21.♕b2 f6 22.♘d2 ♖ce8 23.♖e2

23.a4 ♖b8 24.♕b3 g4 25.♘f1±

23...♖b8 24.♕c2 a6 25.♖ee1 ♔h8 26.a4± ♘c6 27.♕b3

27.♘f1 ♘d4 (27...♘b4 28.♗xb4 cxb4 29.♘e3 f5 30.♘xf5 ♗xf5 31.exf5 ♖xf5 32.♖e4±) 28.♗xd4 exd4 29.♘d2 a5 30.♖b2 ♖fe8 31.♕d1±

27...a5 28.♘f1 ♘b4 29.♕d1

29.♘e3!? ♘xd3 30.♖ed1 ♘b4 31.♖d2 ♕e7 32.♕d1=∞

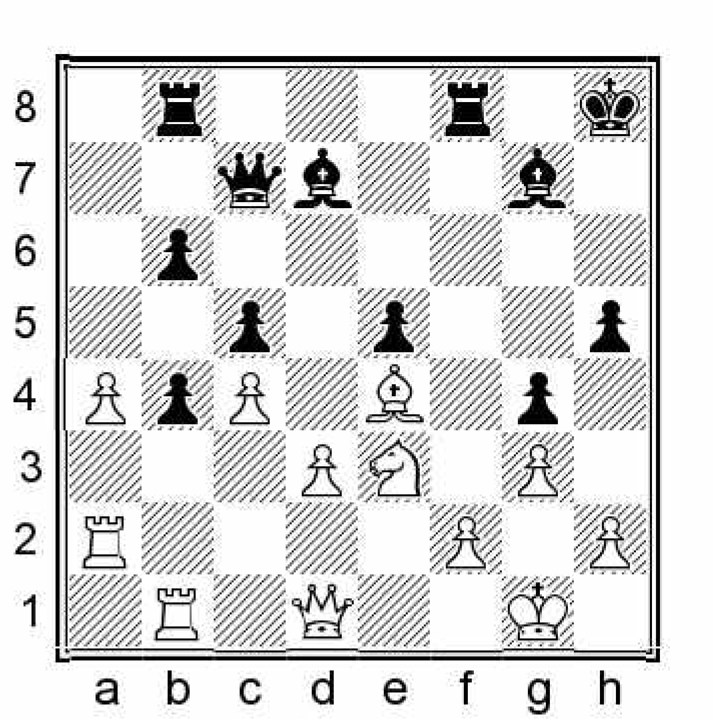
29...f5 30.exf5 ♗xf5 31.♗xb4 axb4

⌓31...cxb4 32.♘e3 ♗d7 33.♗e4 ♖f7∞

32.♘e3 ♗d7

⌓32...♗g6 33.♗e4 ♖f7 34.♖a1 ♖bf8 35.♖a2±

33.♗e4 ♕c7 34.♖e2 g4 35.♖a2 h5



36.h3! ♗h6 37.♘d5

37.♕e2 ♗xe3 38.♕xe3 ♗f5 39.hxg4 hxg4 40.♗d5 ♔g7 41.♔g2±

37...♕d8 38.hxg4 hxg4

38...♗xg4 39.f3 ♗e6 40.♖h2 ♗f7 41.♕e2 ♖g8 42.♔f2 ♕d6 43.♖bh1 ♖g5 44.♘e3±

39.♔g2 ♔g7 40.♕e2 ♖a8 41.♖h1 ♗e6 42.♖aa1 ♖h8 43.♘xb6

43.♖h5 ♕d6 44.♖ah1 ♖xa4 45.♘e3 b3 46.♖f5!+-

43...♖a7

43...♕xb6 44.♗xa8 ♖xa8 45.♕xe5++-

44.♘d5+- ♖f7 45.♖h5 ♖hf8 46.♖f1 ♗g5 47.♕b2

47.a5

47...♗xd5 48.♕xe5+ ♗f6 49.♖g5+ ♔h6 50.♖h1# 1-0

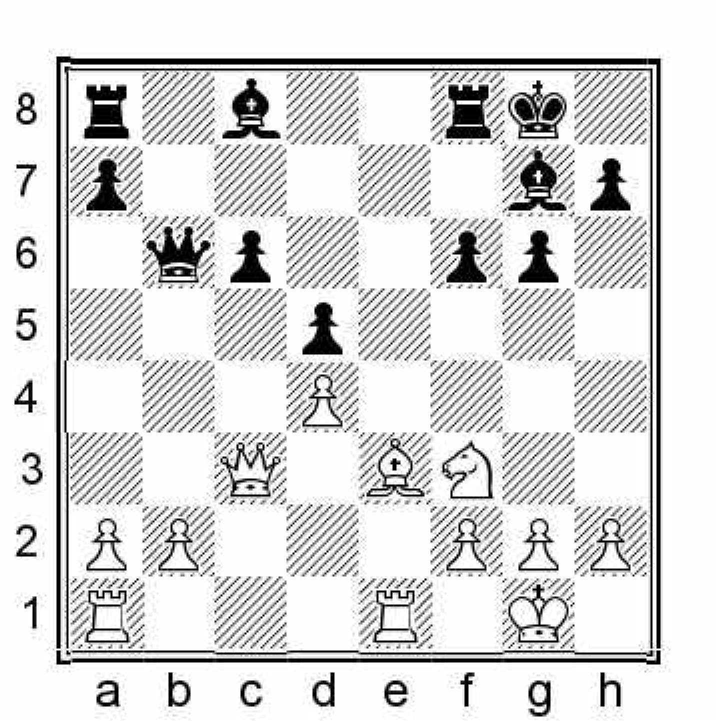
47. * B31
Navara, David (2700) - Ivic, Velimir (2610)
Beograd 152/47, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.O-O ♗g7 5.c3 ♘f6 6.♖e1 O-O 7.d4 d5 8.e5 ♘e4 9.♗e3

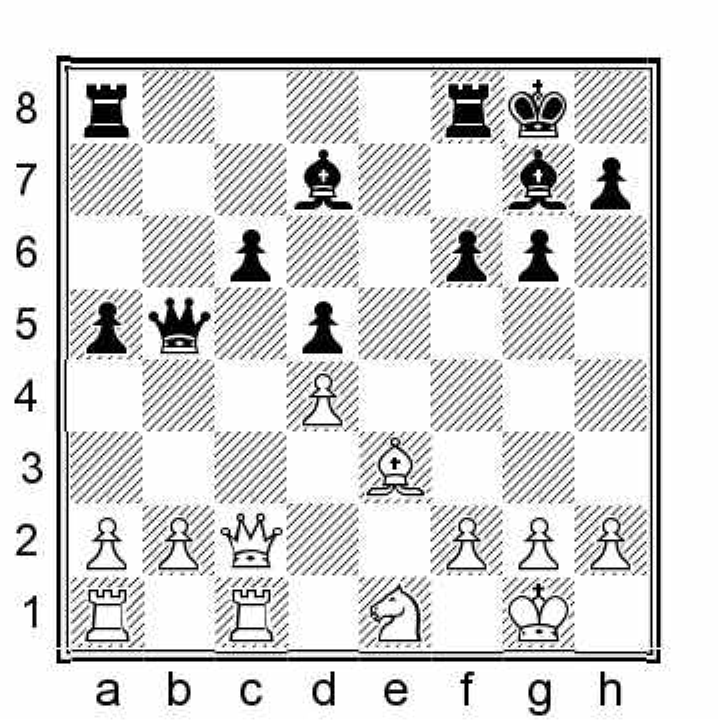
9.♗xc6 - 143/39

9...♕b6 10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.♕c1 c4

11...cxd4 12.cxd4 f6 13.exf6 exf6 14.♘c3 ♘xc3 15.♕xc3

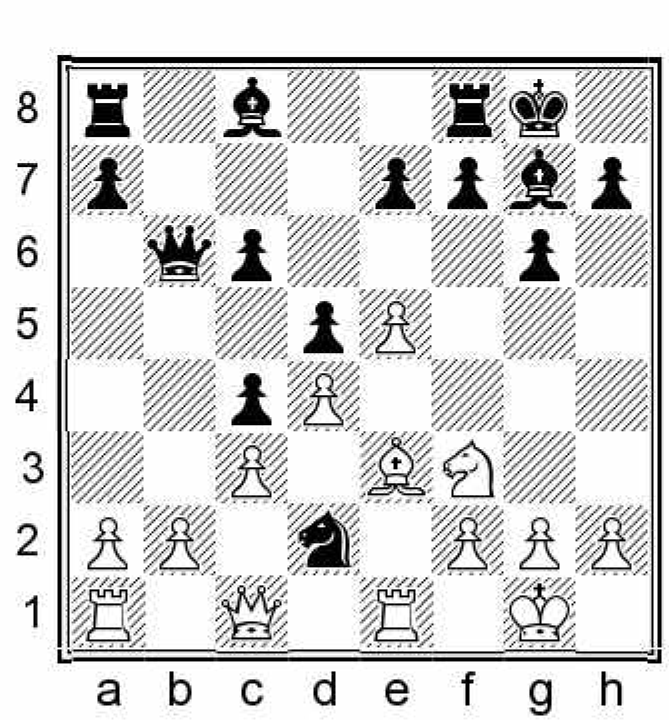


15...a5N (15...♗d7) 16.♖ec1 ♗d7 17.♘e1 ♕b4 18.♕c2 ♕b5



19.♕d2 (19.a4 ♕b6 20.♘d3 ♖fe8 21.♖a3±) 19...♖fb8 20.b3 ♗f5∞ Shuvalova,P (2516) - Maghsoodloo,P (2701) chess. com (Int.-rapid) 152/(47) 2022

12.♘bd2 ♘xd2

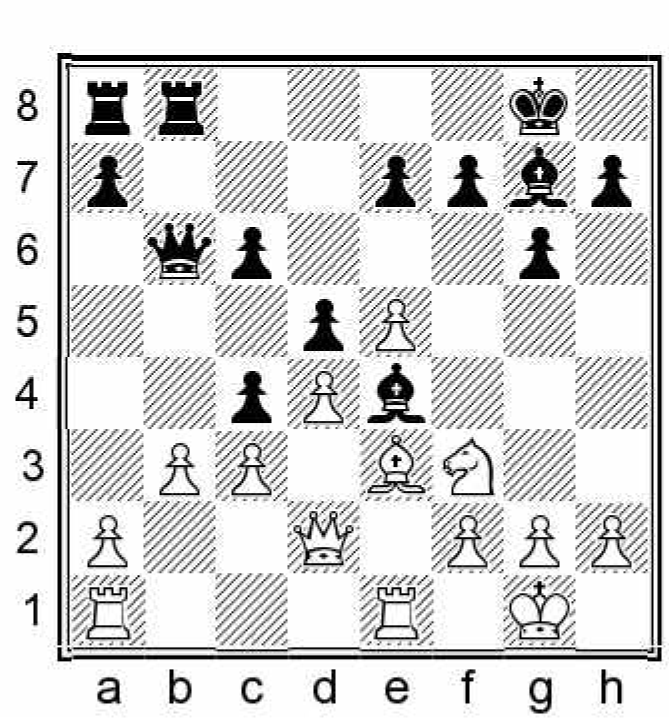


13.♕xd2N

13.♘xd2 ♗f5 14.b3 ♗d3∞

13...♗f5 14.♗h6

14.♘h4 ♗e4 (14...♗d3 15.b3 ♖fb8 16.♘f3 ♗e4



17.e6! ♗xf3 (17...f6 18.♗f4 ♖b7 19.bxc4±) 18.exf7+ ♔xf7 19.gxf3±) 15.b3 f6 (15...cxb3?! 16.axb3 ♕xb3? 17.f3 ♗f5 18.♘xf5 gxf5 19.♖eb1 ♕c4 20.♖b4+-) 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.♗f4 ♗d5∞

14...♖fb8 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.♘h4 ♗d3

16...♗e4!? 17.b4 a5 18.a3 ♖a7 19.♖a2 ♖ba8∓

17.b4?!

17.b3 a5 18.h3 ♕b5 19.♖ac1 ♖b7∞

17...a5 18.a3 ♖a7∓ 19.g4

19.♖a2 ♖ba8 20.♖ea1 ♗e4 21.g3 f6 22.exf6+ exf6∓

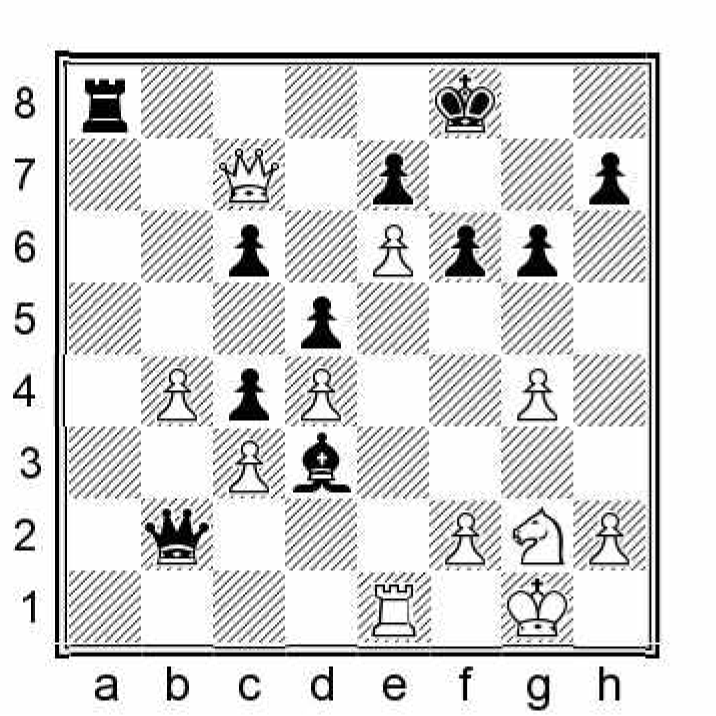
19...axb4

⌓19...♖ba8 20.♖ac1 ♕d8 21.♘g2 axb4 22.axb4 ♖a2 23.♕e3 e6∓

20.axb4 ♖ba8 21.♖xa7 ♕xa7 22.♘g2 ♕a2 23.♕f4?!

23.♕g5 e6 (23...♗e4 24.♕xe7 ♕d2 25.♕f6+ ♔g8 26.e6 fxe6 27.♕xe6+ ♔g7=) 24.♘f4 ♕c2 25.♕f6+ ♔g8 26.♘xe6 fxe6 27.♕xe6+ ♔h8 28.♕f6+ ♔g8=

23...♕b2 24.e6 f6 25.♕c7 ♔f8



26.♕xc6?

26.h4! ♕xc3 27.♕xc6 ♖d8 28.♕d7! ♖e8 29.♕xd5 ♕xb4 30.g5 fxg5 31.h5∞

26...♖a2-+ 27.♕xd5 ♕xf2+ 28.♔h1 ♔g7 29.♕b7 ♔h6 30.h4 ♗f1 31.♖xf1 ♕xf1+ 32.♔h2 ♕f2 33.g5+ ♔h5 34.♕e4 f5 0-1

48. B32
Grandelius, Nils (2662) - Fedorov, Alexei (2541)
Cesko 152/48, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 e5 5.♘b5 d6 6.c4 ♗e7 7.♘1c3 a6 8.♘a3 f5 9.exf5 ♗xf5

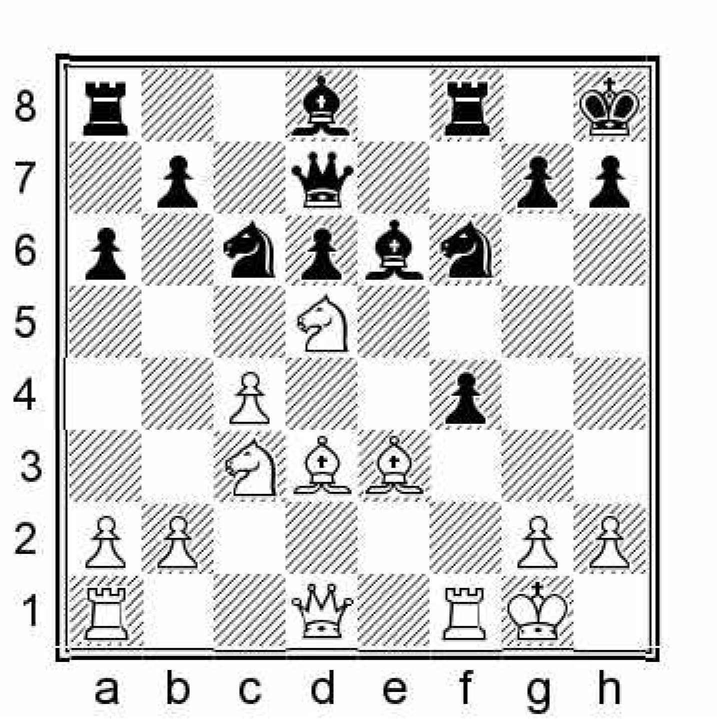
10.♗d3 ♗e6 11.O-O ♘f6 12.♘c2 ♕d7 13.♘e3

13.♗g5 - 109/76

13...O-O 14.♘ed5 ♗d8 15.♗e3 ♔h8N

15...♖c8

16.f4 exf4



17.♖xf4!

17.♘xf4 ♗g8 18.♔h1 ♘e5 19.b3 ♗a5 20.♗d4 ♘c6 21.♗xf6 ♖xf6 22.♘cd5 ♖h6∞; 17.♗xf4 ♘e5 18.♗g3 ♖f7 19.♔h1 ♖c8∞ (19...♗xd5 20.♘xd5 ♘xd5 21.cxd5 ♘xd3 22.♖xf7 ♕xf7 23.♕xd3 ♗f6=)

17...♘e5 18.♘e4

18.♕e2 ♖f7 19.♖af1 ♘xd5 20.♖xf7 ♗xf7 21.♘xd5 ♘xd3 22.♕xd3±; 18.♗e2 ♕e8 19.♕d2 ♘g6 20.♖f2 ♘xd5 21.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 22.♘xd5±

18...♗xd5 19.cxd5 ♖e8

⌓19...♗e7 20.♘xf6 (20.♗c2 ♘xe4 21.♖xe4 ♗f6 22.♕e2 ♖ac8∞) 20...♗xf6 21.♗f5 ♕e7 22.♗d4 b5⇄

20.♘xf6 ♗xf6 21.♗f5 ♕e7

21...♕f7 22.♗e6 ♕g6 23.♗b6 ♗g5 24.♖b4 ♖f8∞

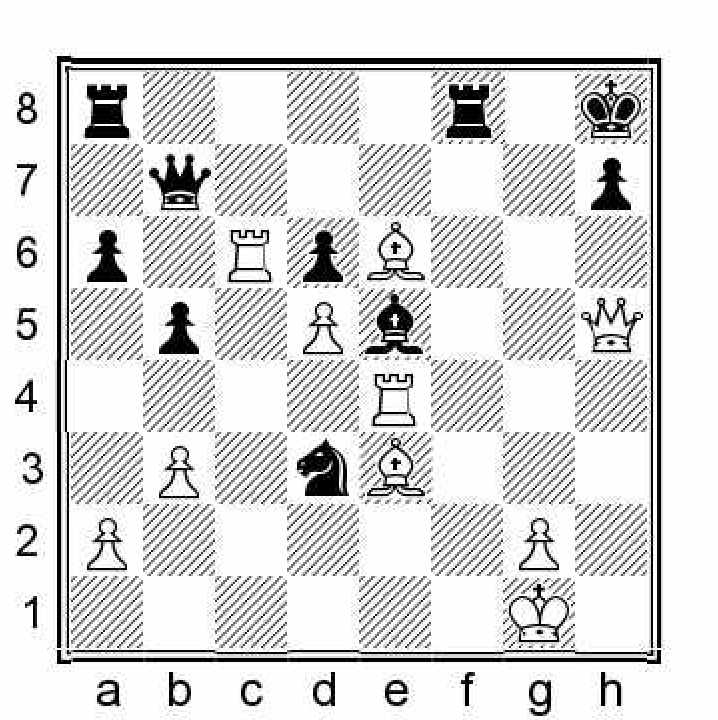
22.♖e4 g6

22...♕f7 23.♗f2 ♖f8 24.♗g3 b5 25.♗e6 ♕a7+ 26.♗f2 ♕e7 27.♕e2±

23.♗e6 ♖f8 24.♕e2 ♘f7 25.♖f1± ♗g7 26.h4 ♘e5

26...♖ae8 27.♗b6 ♘d8 28.♖e1±

27.♖c1 b5 28.b3 ♕b7 29.h5 gxh5 30.♕xh5 ♘d3 31.♖c6 ♗e5



32.♖xd6! ♗xd6 33.♗d4++- ♘e5 34.♖xe5! ♕g7 35.♖e4

35.♗f5 ♖xf5 36.♕xf5 ♖g8 37.♕e4

35...♖f6 36.♗f5 ♖af8 37.b4 ♖8f7 38.♖g4 1-0

49. B33
Shirov, Alexei (2704) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704)
Beograd 152/49, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♘d5 ♘xd5 8.exd5 ♘e7 9.c4 ♘f5 10.♗d3 g6 11.O-O

11.♕a4 - 53/(157)

11...a6 12.♘c3 ♗g7 13.♗xf5 ♗xf5 14.♗e3 O-ON

14...♖c8

15.♕b3

15.♕d2 ♖c8 16.b3 ♗d7 17.♘e4 (17.a4 f5 18.f3 ♖f7∞) 17...♗f5 18.f3 ♗xe4 19.fxe4±

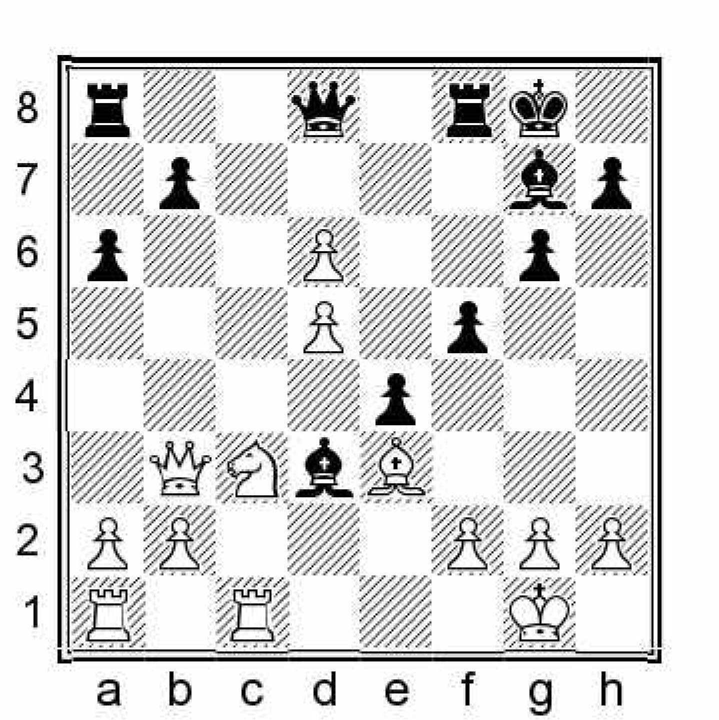
15...♗d3 16.♖fc1

16.♖fd1 e4 17.c5 f5 18.g3 dxc5 19.♗xc5 ♖f7∓

16...e4

16...f5!? 17.♗b6 (17.c5?! f4 18.♗d2 (18.♘d1 e4 19.♗d2 ♕g5-+) 18...dxc5-+) 17...♗xc4! 18.♗xd8 (18.♕b4 a5! 19.♗xa5 ♕xa5 20.♕xc4 e4∓) 18...♗xb3 19.♗e7 ♖f7 20.♗xd6 ♗c4 21.♖e1 e4∓

17.c5 f5 18.cxd6



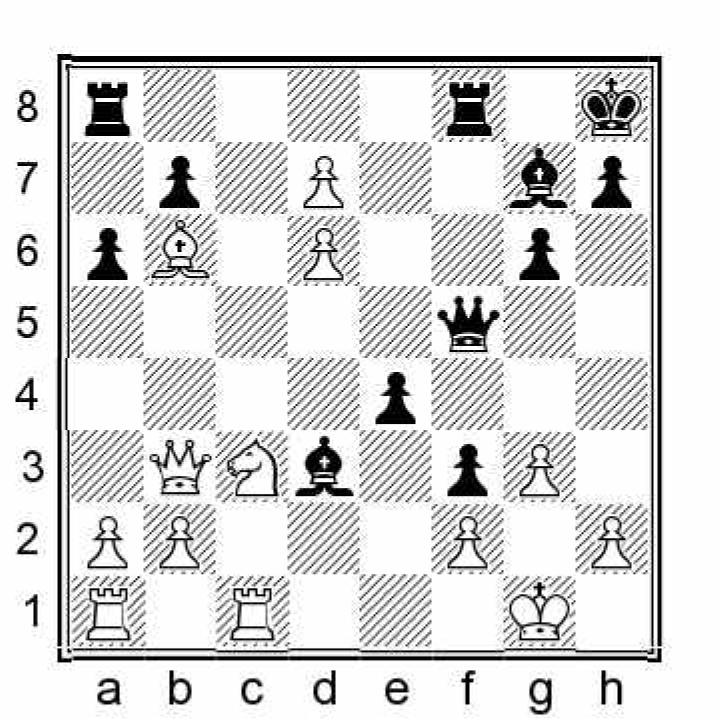
18...f4?!

18...b5! 19.♗c5 ♗e5 (19...♖f7∓) 20.d7 ♖f7 21.a4 ♕h4 22.h3 ♕f4 23.g3 ♕g5∓

19.♗b6 ♕g5?

19...♕xd6 20.♗c7 ♕d7 (20...♕xc7 21.♘xe4 ♕xc1+ (21...♕f7 22.♕xd3 ♗xb2 23.d6 ♗xa1 24.♖xa1 f3 25.♘g5 ♕f5 26.♕c4+ ♔h8 27.♕h4 h5 28.♖d1 ♖ad8 29.gxf3∞) 22.♖xc1 ♗xe4=∞) 21.d6+ (21.♘a4 ♕b5 22.d6+ ♕xb3 23.axb3 e3 24.♖d1 (24.fxe3? fxe3 25.♖d1 ♗b5 26.d7 ♗f6-+) 24...♗c2 25.d7 ♗xd1 26.♖xd1 e2 27.♖e1 ♖ad8 28.♗xd8 ♖xd8 29.♘c5 ♔f7 30.♖xe2 ♗d4 31.♘d3 ♖xd7∓) 21...♔h8 22.♘d5 f3 23.♗a5 fxg2 (23...♕xd6 24.♖c7 ♖ad8 25.♗c3 ♖d7 26.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 27.♕c3+ ♔h6 28.♕c1+ ♔g7 29.♕c3+ ♔h6=) 24.♖c7 ♕f5 25.♗e1 ♗e5 26.♕xb7 ♗xh2+ 27.♔xh2 ♕h5+ 28.♔xg2 ♕g4+ 29.♔h2 ♕h4+ 30.♔g2=

20.d7! f3 21.d6+ ♔h8 22.g3 ♕f5



22...e3 23.♘d5 (23.♗xe3 ♕g4 24.♔h1+-) 23...exf2+ 24.♗xf2 ♗f5 25.♘c7+-

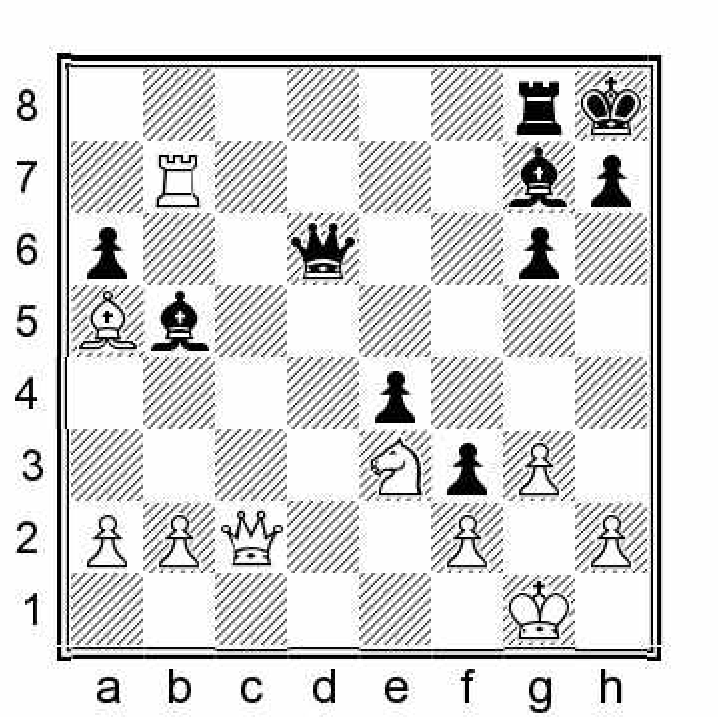
23.♘d5! ♕h3 24.♘e3 ♕xd7 25.♖c7 ♕xd6 26.♖ac1 ♖g8

26...♗b5 27.♖xg7! ♔xg7 28.♖c7+ ♗d7 29.♘c4 ♕d5 30.♘e5! ♕xe5 31.♖xd7+ ♔h6 32.♗e3+ g5 33.♗d4 ♕f5 34.♖d6+ ♔h5 35.♕b6+-

27.♗a5 ♗b5 28.♖xb7 ♖ac8 29.♖c2?!

29.♖xc8 ♖xc8 30.♗c3 ♕f8 (30...♗xc3 31.♕f7+-) 31.♕e6 ♗xc3 32.bxc3+-

29...♖xc2 30.♕xc2



30...♖d8?

30...♕c6! 31.♕xc6 ♗xc6 32.♖c7 ♗b5 33.b3 ♗d4 34.♗c3±

31.♕b3

31.♗xd8 ♕xd8 32.a4+-

31...♖c8?

31...♖d7 32.♗b4 ♕e5 33.♗c3 ♕d6 34.♖xd7 ♗xd7 35.h4±

32.♗c3 1-0

50. B42
Giri, Anish (2771) - Vitiugov, Nikita (2726)
Berlin 152/50, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♗d3 ♗c5 6.♘b3 ♗a7 7.♕e2 ♘e7

7...♘c6 - 150/41

8.♗e3 O-O 9.♗xa7 ♖xa7 10.e5N

10.♕e3

10...♘bc6 11.♘c3 d6

11...♘g6!? 12.♗xg6 fxg6 13.O-O (13.g3 b5 14.O-O-O ♖c7 15.f4 ♘e7⇄) 13...b5 14.♖ad1 ♖c7 15.f4 ♗b7 16.♘e4 ♘e7⇄

12.exd6 ♕xd6 13.O-O-O ♕f4+ 14.♔b1 b5 15.g3 ♕e5 16.♗e4 ♕c7 17.f4 ♘a5

⌓17...b4 18.♘a4 e5 19.♕f2 (19.fxe5 ♘xe5∞) 19...exf4 20.gxf4 ♗f5 21.♗xf5 ♘xf5 22.♘b6 ♘ce7∞

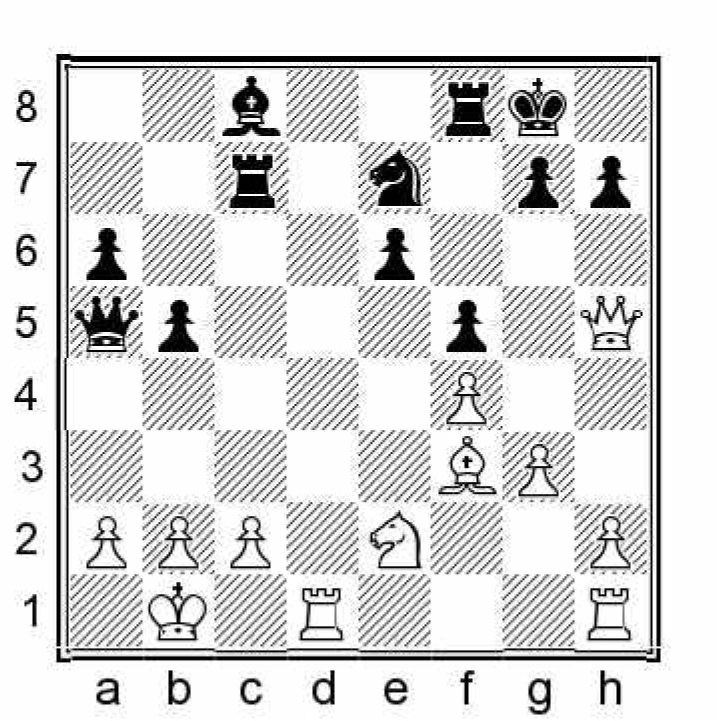
18.♘xa5 ♕xa5 19.♕h5

19.a3 b4 20.♕e3 ♖c7 21.axb4 ♕xb4 22.♖d4 ♕b8 23.♖hd1 ♗b7 24.♖b4 ♕c8 25.♖xb7 ♖xb7 26.♗xb7 ♕xb7 27.b3±

19...f5 20.♗f3

20.♗g2 b4 21.♘e2 ♕b6 22.♖he1 a5 23.♘c1 (23.♘d4 ♖d8 24.♘c6 ♖xd1+ 25.♖xd1 g6 26.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 27.♕e2 ♕c5=) 23...♗a6⇄

20...♖c7 21.♘e2



21.♖he1 ♖xc3 22.bxc3 ♕xc3 23.♗g2 ♕b4+ 24.♔a1 ♕c3+=; 21.♖d3 b4 22.♘e2 e5 23.fxe5 ♗e6 24.♘c1 ♖fc8 25.♘b3 ♕xe5 26.♖hd1 h6∞

21...e5! 22.fxe5 ♗e6 23.♘c1 ♖fc8 24.♘b3

24.c3? b4-+

24...♗xb3 25.cxb3 ♖c2 26.♕g5

26.♖c1?? ♕d2!-+; 26.♖d7 ♖xb2+ 27.♔xb2 ♕c3+ 28.♔a3 ♕a5+ 29.♔b2 ♕c3+=

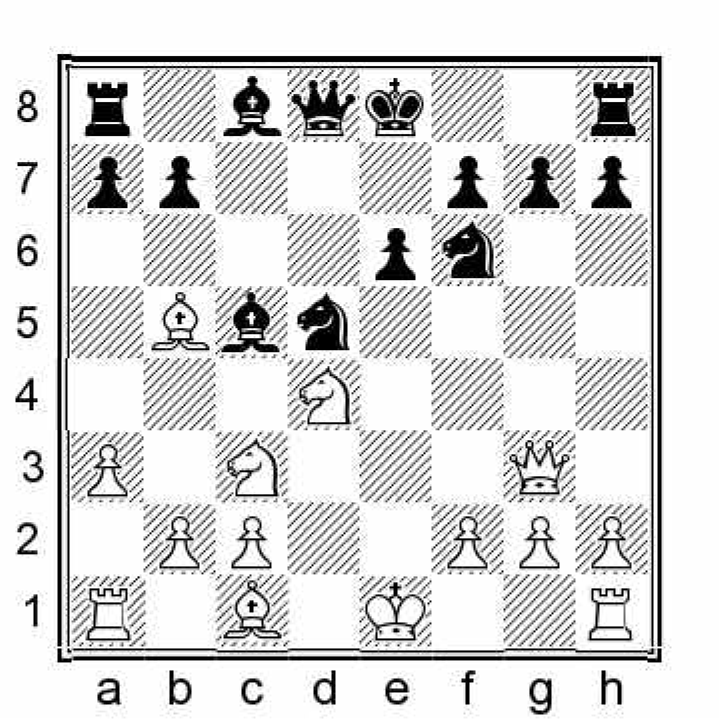
26...♖xb2+ 27.♔xb2 ♕c3+ 28.♔b1 ♕c2+ 29.♔a1 ♕c3+ 30.♔b1 ♕c2+ 1/2-1/2

51. B45
Harikrishna, Penteala (2719) - Vitiugov, Nikita (2726)
Beograd 152/51, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♕d3 d5 7.exd5

7.♗g5 - 56/198

7...♘b4 8.♕g3 ♗c5 9.a3 ♘bxd5 10.♗b5+



10.♘xd5 ♕xd5 11.♘b5 O-O 12.♘c3 ♕h5 13.♗e2 ♕f5 14.♗d3 ♕h5 15.O-O ♗d7∞

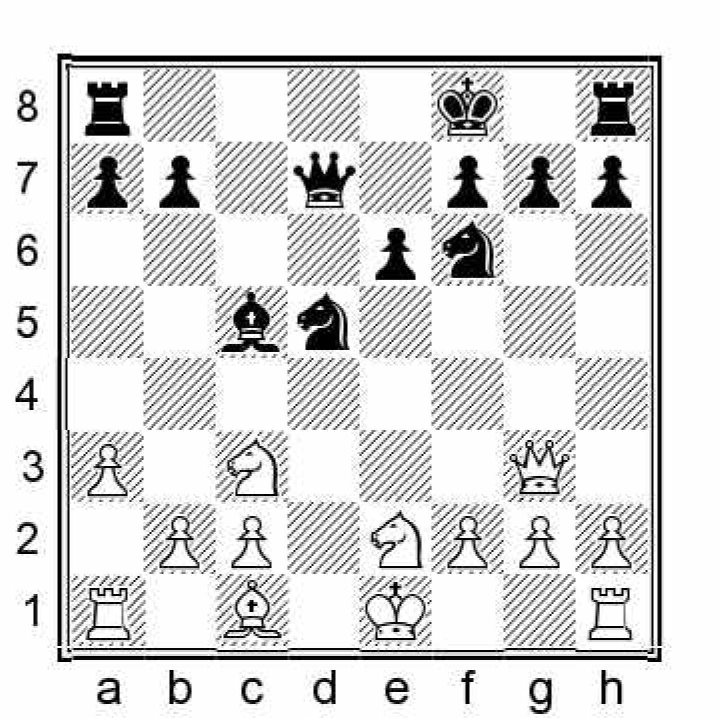
10...♔f8!

10...♗d7 11.♘xd5 exd5 12.♕e3+ ♕e7 13.♗xd7+ ♔xd7 14.♕xe7+ ♗xe7∞

11.♘de2

11.♘b3 ♘xc3 12.bxc3 ♗e7 13.O-O h5∞

11...♗d7 12.♗xd7 ♕xd7



13.♘xd5??N

13.O-O h5 (13...♖d8 14.b4 ♗d6 15.♕f3 ♗e5 16.♗b2 ♕c6 17.♖ad1 ♖c8 18.b5 ♕d6 (18...♕c5?!; 18...♕c7?! 19.♘xd5±) 19.b6 a6∞) 14.♖d1 h4 15.♕f3 ♖h5 16.♘e4 ♕c7 17.♘xc5 ♕xc5∞

13...♘e4!-+ 14.♕b3

14.♘f6 gxf6 15.♗h6+ ♔e8 16.♕f3 ♗xf2+ 17.♔f1 f5-+

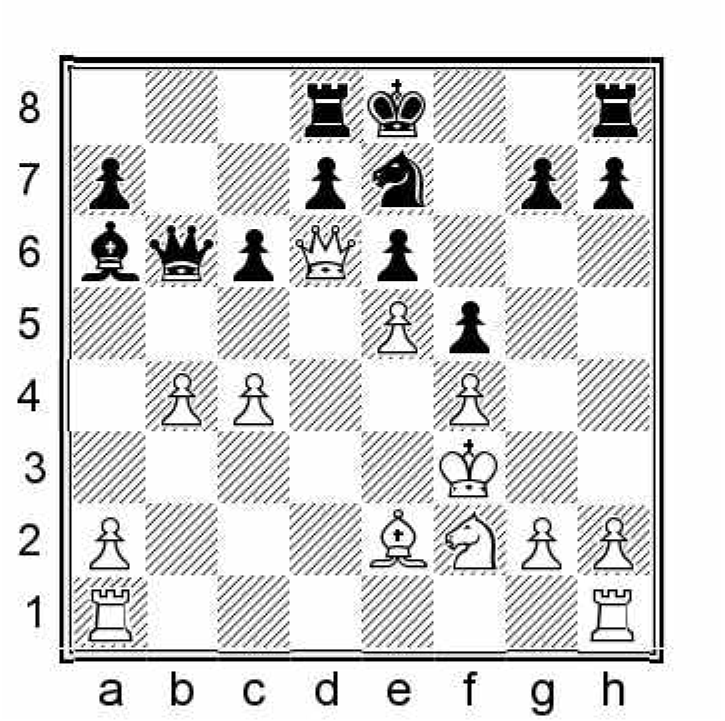
14...♗xf2+ 15.♔f1 exd5 16.♗e3 ♕f5 17.♘d4 ♕f6 18.♘f3 ♗xe3 19.♕xe3 ♕xb2 20.♖e1 ♕xc2 21.♔g1 ♕c5 22.♘d4 ♖c8 23.h4 h5 24.♔h2 ♕d6+ 0-1

52. * B45
Firouzja, Alireza (2804) - Rapport, Richard (2776)
Bucuresti 152/52, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4 ♕c7 9.f4 ♕b6 10.c4 ♗b4+ 11.♔e2 f5 12.♘f2 ♗a6 13.♔f3 ♘e7 14.♗e3 ♗c5 15.♗xc5 ♕xc5 16.♕d6 ♕b6 17.♗e2

17.b3 - 147/39

17...♖d8 18.b4



18...♘c8N

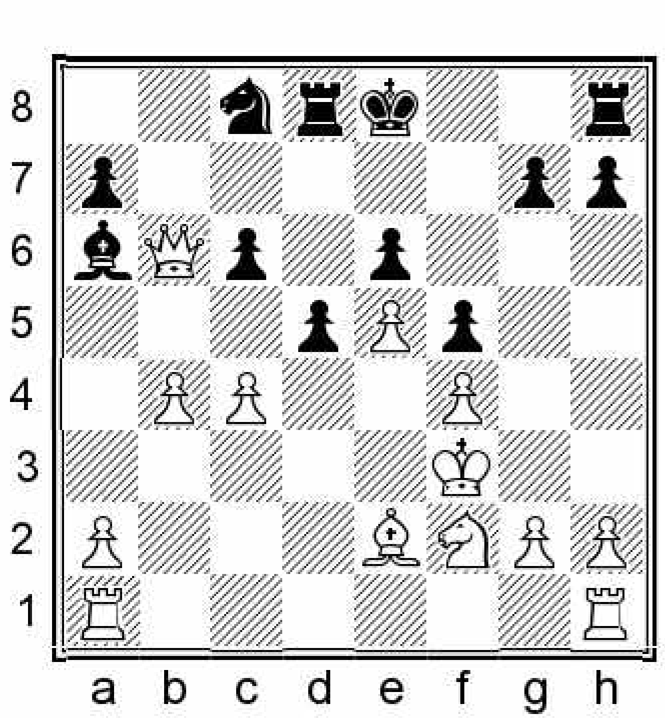
18...g5 19.fxg5 ♘g6 20.g3 ♕b8 21.♔g2 ♘xe5 22.♗h5+ ♘g6∞

19.♕c5

19.♕d2?! c5 20.b5 ♗b7+ 21.♔g3 d5∓

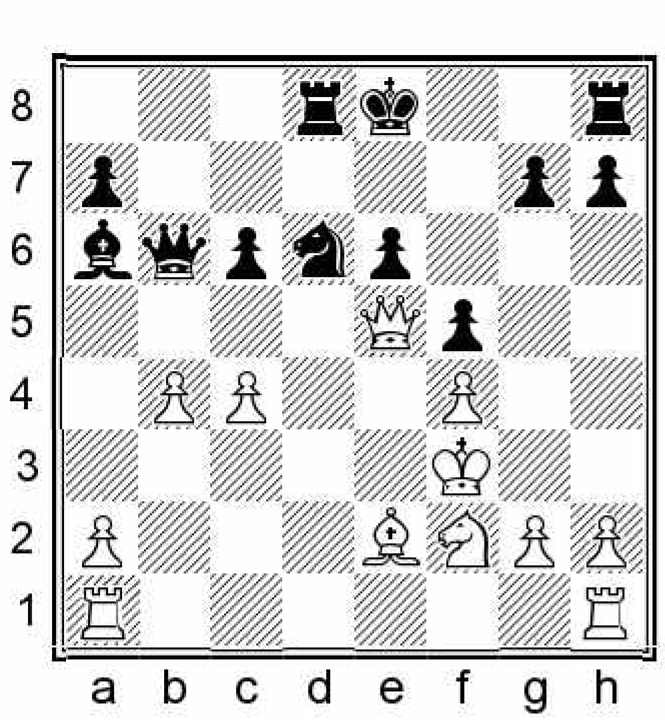
19...d5 20.exd6

20.♕xb6



20...♘xb6 (20...axb6? 21.b5! cxb5 (21...♗b7 22.c5!± bxc5 23.♘d3) 22.cxb5 ♗b7 23.♖hc1±) 21.b5 (21.c5 ♗xe2+ 22.♔xe2 ♘c4∞) 21...♗b7 22.c5 ♘a4 23.♖hc1 d4∞

20...♘xd6 21.♕e5N



21.♖hc1 - 152/(52) 21...♕xc5 22.bxc5 ♘f7 23.♖c3 e5 24.♖a3 ♗c8 25.♖xa7 g5 26.g3 O-O 27.♖d1 ♖de8 28.fxg5 ♘xg5+ 29.♔g2 e4 30.h4 f4 31.gxf4 ♘e6 32.♘h3 ♖xf4 1/2 (32) Rodriguez Lopez, R-Moujan,P corr 152/(52) 2022

21...c5! 22.♕xc5

22.bxc5? ♕c6+ 23.♔g3 ♘f7 24.♕e3 g5!∓; 22.♕xe6+ ♔f8 23.♖hd1□ h5 (23...♗b7+ 24.♔g3 ♘e4+

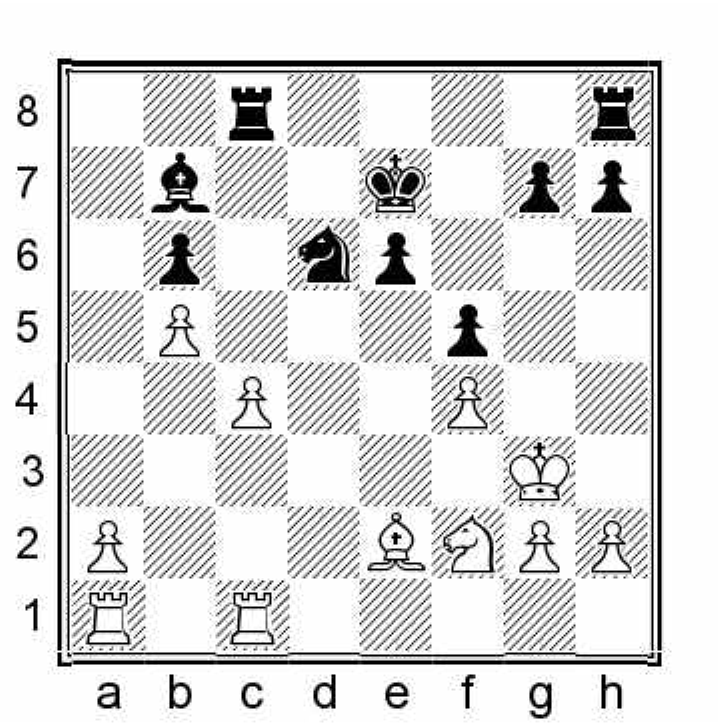
25.♘xe4 ♕xe6 26.♖xd8+ ♔e7 27.♖xh8 ♗xe4∞) 24.♕e5 cxb4 25.♔g3 h4+ 26.♔h3 ♘f7 27.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 28.♕c5+ ♕e7 29.♕xe7+ ♔xe7∞; 22.♕xg7 ♘f7 23.b5 (23.♘h3 ♗b7+ 24.♔g3 ♔e7 25.♘g5 ♖df8∞) 23...♗b7+ 24.♔e3 (24.♔g3?? ♔e7-+) 24...e5! 25.♗h5 (25.fxe5?? ♕a5! 26.♘d3 ♕c3 27.♖ac1 f4+ 28.♔f2 ♕d4+ 29.♔f1 ♖d6!!-+) 25...exf4+ 26.♔e2 ♕e6+ 27.♔f1 ♕xc4+ 28.♔g1 ♖f8∞

22...♖c8

22...♕xc5 23.bxc5 ♘b7 24.c6 (24.♖hd1 ♔e7=) 24...♘a5 25.♘d3 ♘xc6=; 22...♗xc4 23.♗xc4 (23.♕xb6 ♗d5+ 24.♔e3 axb6=) 23...♕xc5 24.bxc5 ♘xc4 25.♖hc1 ♘a5 26.c6 ♖d6 27.c7 ♔d7=

23.♕xb6 axb6 24.♖hc1

24.b5 ♗b7+ 25.♔g3 (25.♔e3 ♘xc4+ 26.♗xc4 ♖xc4 27.♖hc1 ♖xc1 28.♖xc1 ♔d7 29.♘d3 ♖a8 30.♘e5+ ♔d8=) 25...♔e7 26.♖hc1



26...g5! 27.fxg5 h6 28.h4 hxg5 29.hxg5 ♖cg8 30.♗f3 ♗xf3 31.♔xf3 ♖xg5∞

24...♗xc4 25.♗xc4

25.a4 ♔e7 26.♘d3 ♗d5+ 27.♔e3 ♖xc1 28.♖xc1 ♖a8=

25...♘xc4 26.♘d3 ♔e7 27.a4 ♖hd8 28.♔e2

28.♘e5 ♘xe5+ 29.fxe5 ♖xc1 30.♖xc1 ♖d3+ 31.♔f2 ♖d2+=

28...♖d4 29.a5 bxa5 30.bxa5 ♖cd8 31.♖c3 ♖e4+ 32.♔f2 ♖ed4 33.♘e5

33.♔e2 ♖e4+ 34.♔f2 ♖ed4=

33...♘xe5 34.fxe5 ♖8d7 35.a6 ♖a7= 36.♖a5 ♖d2+ 37.♔f3 ♖b2 38.♖c6 g5 39.♖d6 ♖c7 40.♖a3 ♖cc2 41.♖dd3 ♖f2+ 42.♔e3 ♖bc2! 43.♖db3 ♖cd2 44.♖d3 ♖c2 45.♖d1 ♖a2 46.♖dd3 ♖ac2 1/2-1/2

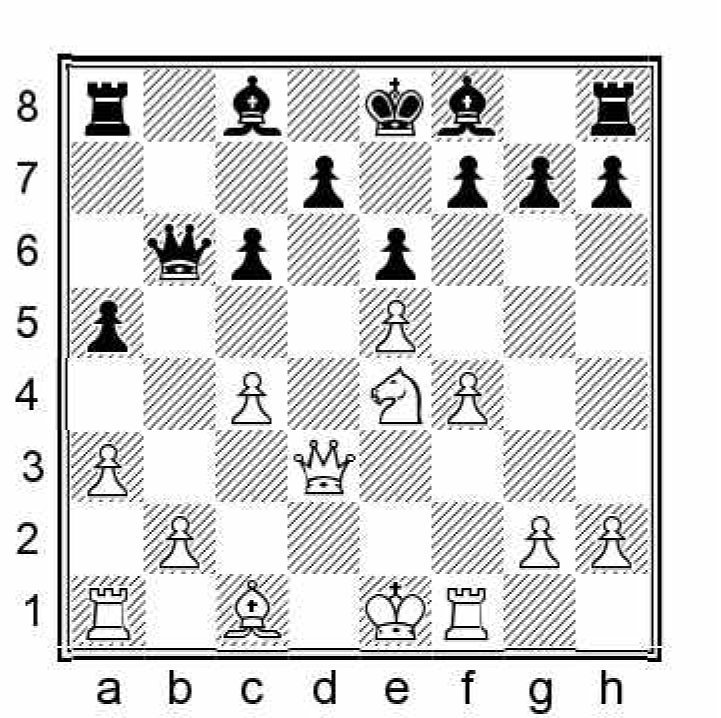
53. * B45**
Paravyan, David (2617) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2723)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/53, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4 ♕c7 9.f4 ♕b6 10.a3

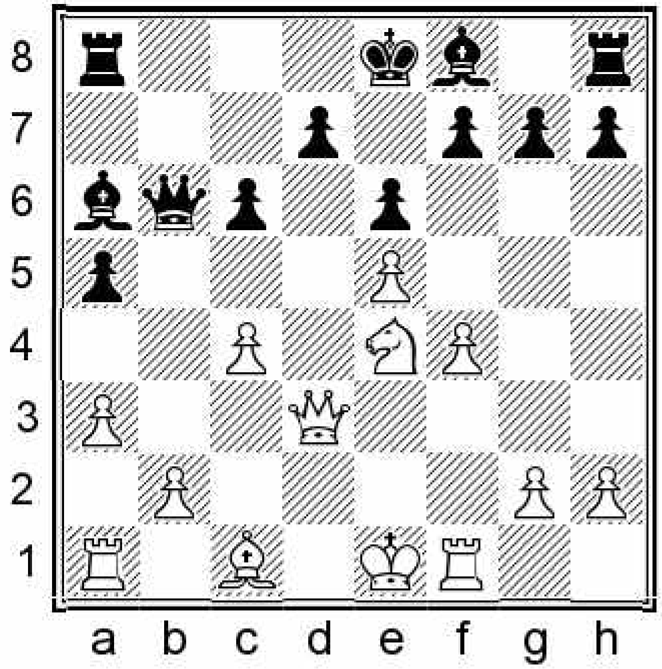
10.c4 - 149/46

10...♘e3

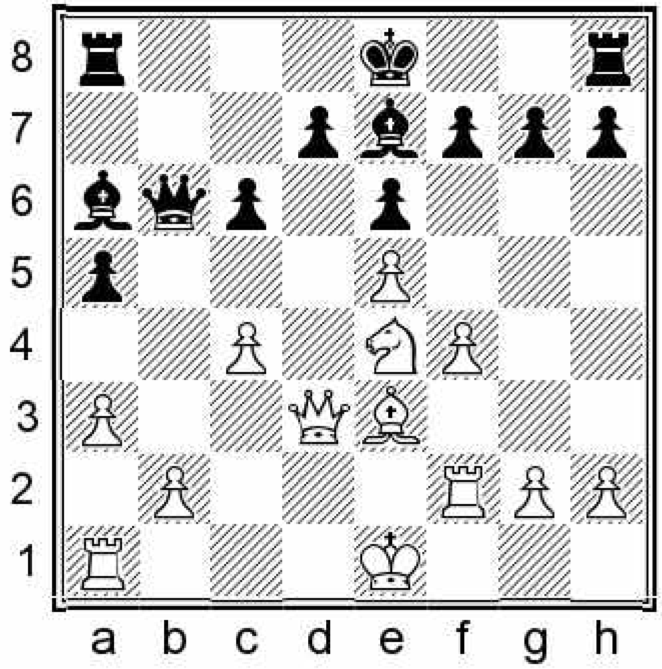
10...a5!? 11.c4 ♘e3 12.♕d3 ♘xf1 13.♖xf1



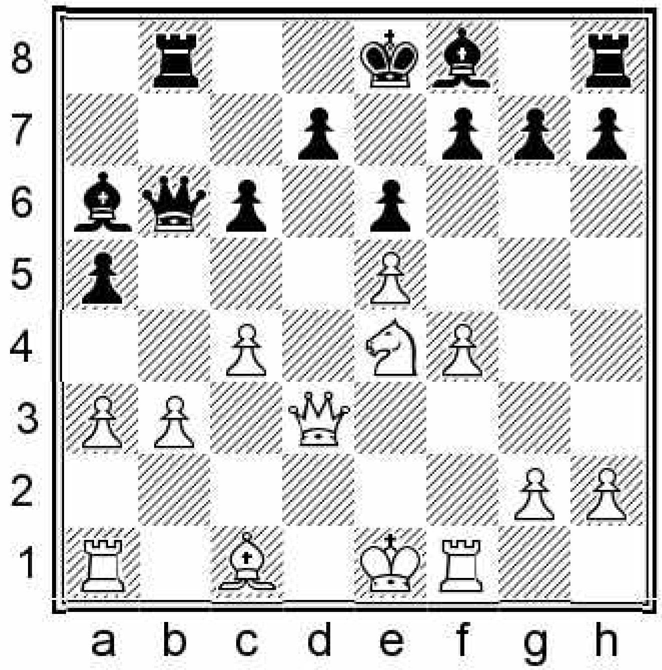
13...♗a6N



(13...♗b7) 14.b3 - 152/(53) (14.♖f2N ♗e7 15.♗e3



15...c5? (15...♗xc4! 16.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 17.♗xb6 ♗d5=) 16.O-O-O± Paravyan,D (2617)-Caruana,F (2786) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/(53) 2022) 14...♖b8

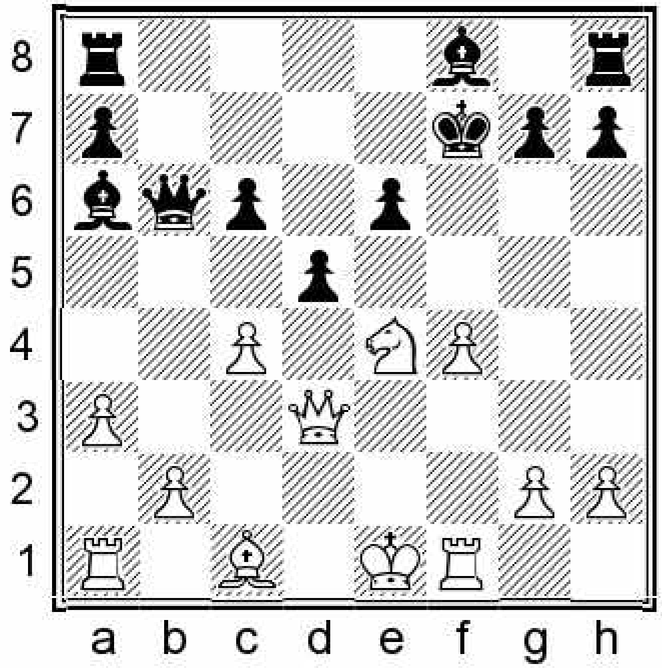


15.♖f3 - 152/(53) (15.♖b1N ♗e7 16.g4 O-O 17.g5 ♖fd8 18.♔e2 c5 19.♖g1 ♕c6= Kruckenhauser,A (2307)-Dreev,A (2623) chess. com (Int. -blitz) 152/(53) 2022) 15...♕g1+ 16.♔d2 f5 17.exf6 d5 18.♘f2 ♕xg2 19.♕e3 dxc4 20.♕a7 ♖b7 21.♕xa6 ♕xf3 22.♕a8+ ♔f7 23.♕xb7+ ♔g6 24.♕b6 c5 25.♔e1 ♕c3+ 26.♔e2 ♕xa1= Padilla,E-Simplina Ubeda,R corr 152/(53) 2021

11.♕d3 ♘xf1 12.♖xf1 ♗a6 13.c4 f5! 14.exf6 d5 15.f7+!

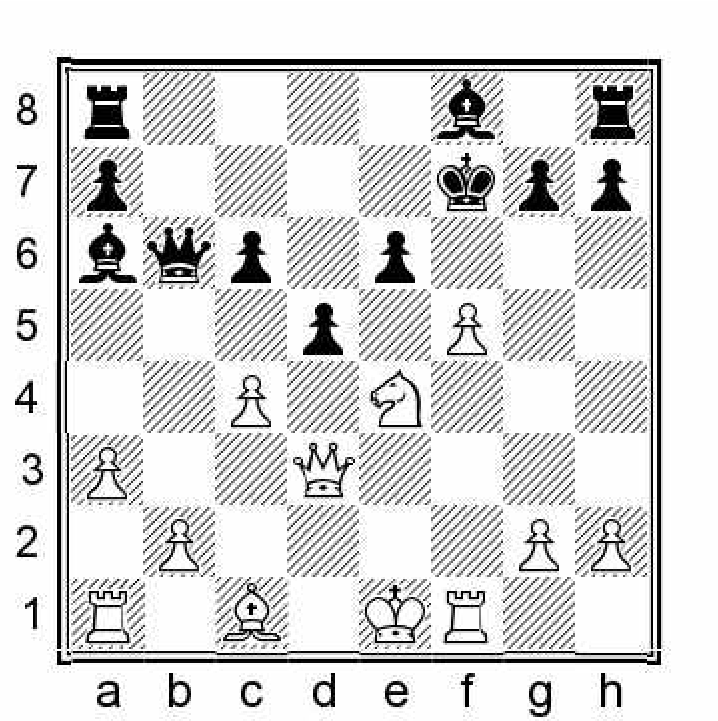
15.♕c3 dxe4 16.fxg7 ♗xg7 17.♕xg7 O-O-O∞; 15.♕h3 O-O-O!∞; 15.♘g5 gxf6 16.♘xe6 ♗xc4 17.♕f5 ♗xf1 18.♔xf1 ♕b5+ 19.♔e1 ♕b6=

15...♔xf7



16.♘g5+N

16.f5



16...h6! (16...dxe4? 17.♕d7+ ♗e7 18.fxe6+ ♔g8 19.♕xe7+-) 17.♗e3 (17.fxe6+ ♔g8 18.♗e3 dxe4 19.♕xe4 ♗c5 20.e7 ♗xe3 21.e8=♕+ ♖xe8 22.♕xe8+ ♔h7 23.♕e4+ ♔g8=) 17...♕a5+ 18.♗d2 ♕c7 19.fxe6+ ♔g8 20.♗c3 ♗xc4 21.♖f7 ♗xd3 22.♖xc7 dxe4 23.e7 ♗xe7 24.♖xe7 ♖h7=

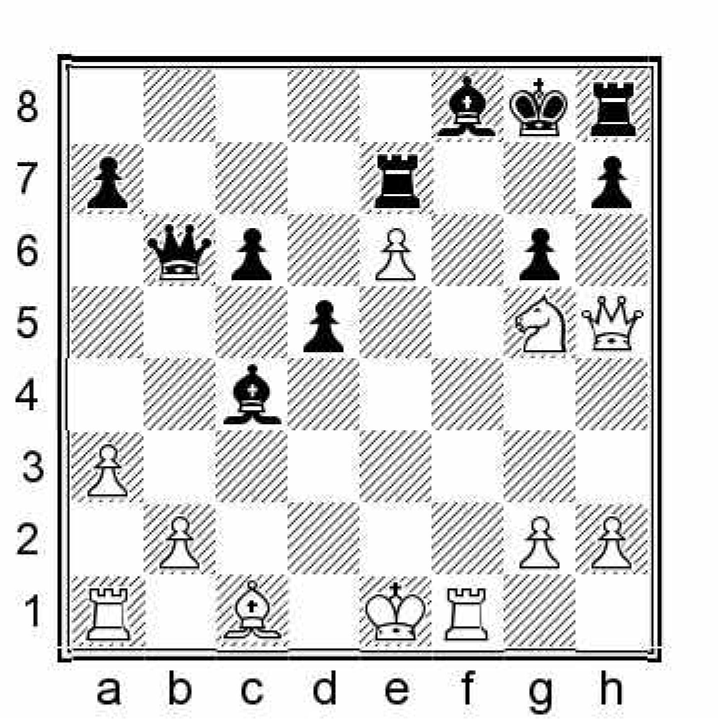
16...♔g8 17.♕e2?

17.b3 ♖e8 18.♖a2 h6 19.♘f3 h5 20.♖e2 ♖h6∞

17...♖e8 18.f5 ♗xc4 19.♕h5 ♖e7-+ 20.fxe6

20.♘xe6 ♗xf1 21.♔xf1 ♖f7-+

20...g6



21.♖xf8+

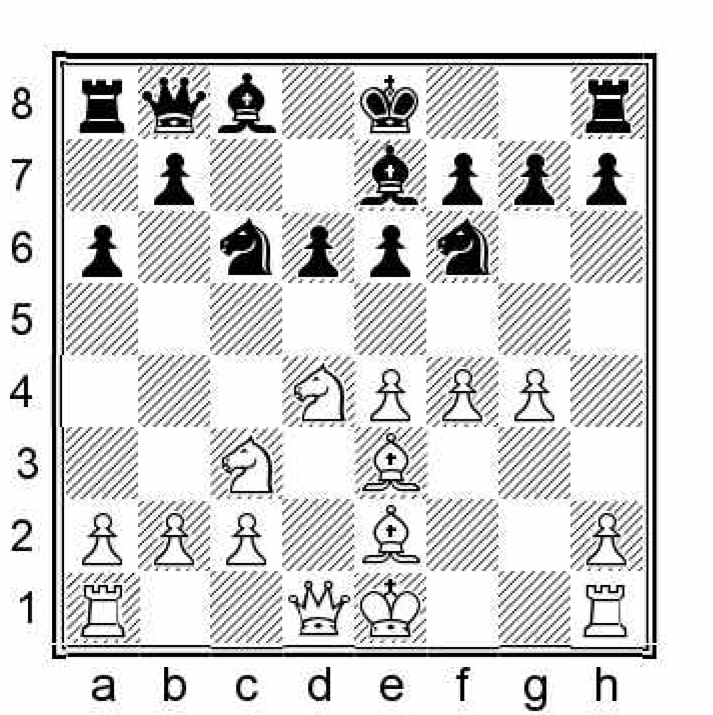
21.♕g4 ♗xf1 22.♔xf1 ♗g7

21...♔xf8 22.♕g4 ♔g7 23.b3 ♕g1+ 24.♔d2 ♕f2+ 25.♔c3 ♗e2 26.♕f4 ♖f8 27.♕d6 ♕f6+ 28.♔c2 ♔g8 29.♘f7 ♖xe6 30.♘h6+ ♔h8 31.♕g3 ♗a6 32.♗b2 ♖e2+ 0-1

54. B47
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679) - Volokitin, Andrei (2681)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/54, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e2 ♘f6!? 7.♘db5 ♕b8 8.f4 a6

8...d6 9.♗e3 ♗e7 10.g4!? a6 (10...♘d7 11.h4 a6 12.♘d4 ♕c7 13.g5 ♘a5 14.h5 b5 15.♘f5!→; 10...O-O 11.g5 ♘d7 12.h4 a6 13.♘d4 ♘xd4 14.♕xd4! b5 15.a3 ♗b7 16.h5↑) 11.♘d4



11...♘xd4 (11...e5 12.♘f5! (12.♘b3 d5! 13.exd5 exf4 14.dxc6 fxe3 15.♕d4 bxc6 16.O-O-O O-O⇄) 12...♗xf5 13.gxf5 d5 14.♘xd5 O-O (14...♘xe4 15.♘xe7 ♘xe7 16.♕d3 exf4 17.♗d4±) 15.O-O ♘xe4 16.♔h1 ♕d6 17.♗f3 ♘f6 18.c4±) 12.♕xd4 e5 13.♕d3!? (13.♕d1 d5! 14.exd5 exf4 15.♗d4 O-O 16.♕d2 ♖d8 17.O-O-O ♕c7! 18.♗f3 ♗xg4 19.♗xf6 ♗xf3 20.♗xe7 ♕xe7 21.♖de1 ♕d6 22.♖hf1 ♗h5 23.♕xf4 f6∞) 13...♗xg4 14.♖g1 ♗xe2 15.♕xe2 g6 16.O-O-O=∞

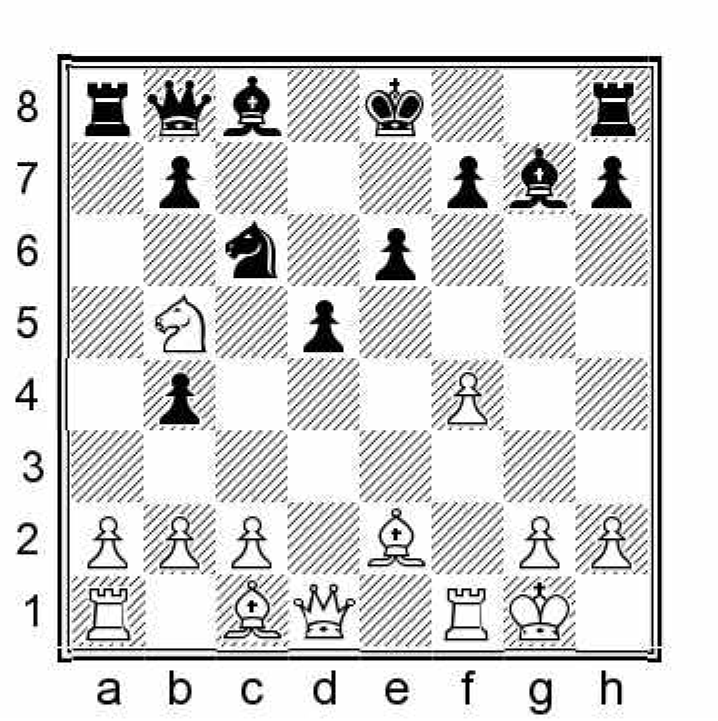
9.e5!?

9.♘d4 d5 10.e5 ♘d7 11.♘b3 b5∞

9...axb5 10.exf6 b4 11.fxg7

11.♘b5

11...♗xg7 12.♘b5 d5 13.O-O

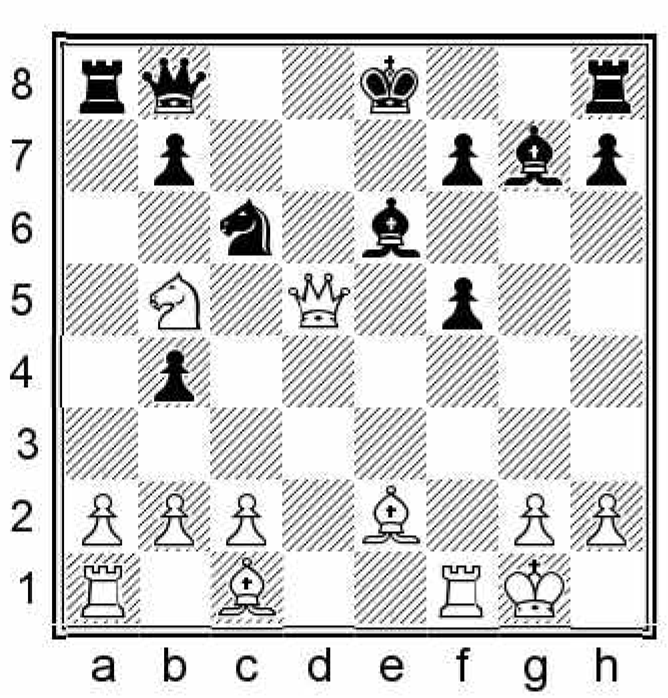


13...♗d7N

13...f5?! 14.♗h5+ ♔f8 15.c4! bxc3 16.bxc3 ♗f6 17.a4±; ⌓13...O-O 14.♗d3 f5 15.a4!? ♗d7 (15...bxa3 16.♖xa3 ♖xa3 17.bxa3 ♗d7 (17...♘a7 18.a4 ♘xb5 19.axb5±) 18.a4 ♕a8 19.♗a3 (19.c3 ♘a7 20.c4 ♘xb5 21.axb5 ♕a2 22.♖e1 dxc4 23.♗xc4 ♕xc4 24.♕xd7 ♕d4+=) 19...♖d8 20.c3 ♘a7 21.♗b4 ♘xb5 22.axb5 ♕a7+ 23.♔h1 ♕e3 24.♖f3 ♕b6 25.♕e1±) 16.♗e2 ♖f6 17.♗e3 ♖g6 18.c4!? bxc3 19.bxc3 ♘a5 20.♗d4 ♕c8 (20...♗xd4+ 21.♘xd4 ♕c8 22.♕e1 ♘c4 23.♗xc4 dxc4 24.♕e5 ♗c6 25.g3 ♗e4 26.a5±) 21.♖f3 ♘c4 22.♗xg7 ♖xg7 23.♗xc4 dxc4 (23...♕xc4 24.♘d4 ♖xa4 25.♖xa4 ♗xa4 26.♕e1 ♖g6 27.♕e5±) 24.♘d4 ♗c6 25.♖g3 ♖xg3 26.hxg3 ♕d7 27.♕h5 ♗d5 (27...♕f7 28.♕g5+ ♕g6 29.♕xg6+ hxg6 30.♘xc6 bxc6 31.a5±) 28.♔f2 ♕e8 29.♕g5+ ♕g6 30.♕h4 ♕g4=

14.f5↑ ♗e5?!

14...exf5 15.♕xd5 ♗e6



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15.h3

15.♗h5! ♘d8 (15...O-O 16.f6 ♗xh2+ 17.♔h1 ♘e5 18.♘d4 ♗g3 19.♕e2 ♘g6 20.♕e3 ♔h8 21.♕h6 ♖g8 22.♘f3 ♕f8 23.♘g5!+-) 16.♘d4 exf5 (16...♕d6 17.♘xe6 ♗xe6 18.fxe6 ♕xe6 19.♔h1 O-O 20.♗g4 ♕g6 21.♗f5 ♕g7 22.♖f3 Δ Rh3+-) 17.♘xf5 ♗e6 18.♔h1 ♔d7 19.♗d2 ♘c6 20.c4!+-

15...♖g8

15...♖a5 16.fxe6 ♗xe6 17.♗d3 ♖g8 18.♕h5 ♕d8 19.♗f4 ♗xf4 20.♖xf4 ♕g5 21.♕xg5 ♖xg5 22.♔f2 ♔d7 23.♘d4±; 15...exf5 16.♕xd5 ♘e7 17.♕c5 ♖g8 18.♔h1!? (18.♗d2 ♗h2+ 19.♔h1 ♖xg2! 20.♘c7+ ♕xc7 21.♕xc7 ♗xc7 22.♔xg2 O-O-O 23.♗f4±) 18...♗g3 19.♗e3!? (19.♕xb4 ♕e5 20.♘c3 ♘c6 21.♕xb7 ♖b8 22.♕a6 ♘d4 23.♗d2±) 19...♗c6 (19...♕e5 20.♖ad1! ♕xc5 21.♗xc5 ♗c6 22.♗xb4 ♖xa2 23.♗a3 ♗b8 24.♖f2 ♖xa3 25.♘xa3 ♗a7 26.♖f3 ♗xf3 27.♗xf3 ♘c6 28.♘b5 ♗b8 29.♗xc6+ bxc6 30.♘d4±) 20.♗f3 ♕e5 21.c4 bxc3 22.♘xc3±

16.♗g4!?

16.♗h5 ♖a5! 17.fxe6 ♗xe6 18.♕e2 ♕d8 19.a4!? (19.♔h1 ♖xb5 20.♕xb5 ♕h4⇄) 19...bxa3 20.♔h1 (20.♖xa3? ♕b6+) 20...♕h4! (20...axb2 21.♗xb2 ♖xa1 22.♗xa1 ♖g5 23.♘d4 ♘xd4 24.♗xd4 ♖xh5 25.♗xe5 ♖h6 26.♗d4±) 21.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 22.♘d6+ ♔d7 23.♘xf7 ♗b8 24.♕f3 ♕g3 25.♕xg3 ♖xg3 26.♖xa3 ♖axa3 27.bxa3 ♘d4 28.♘g5 ♘e2! 29.♘xh7 ♖c3⇄

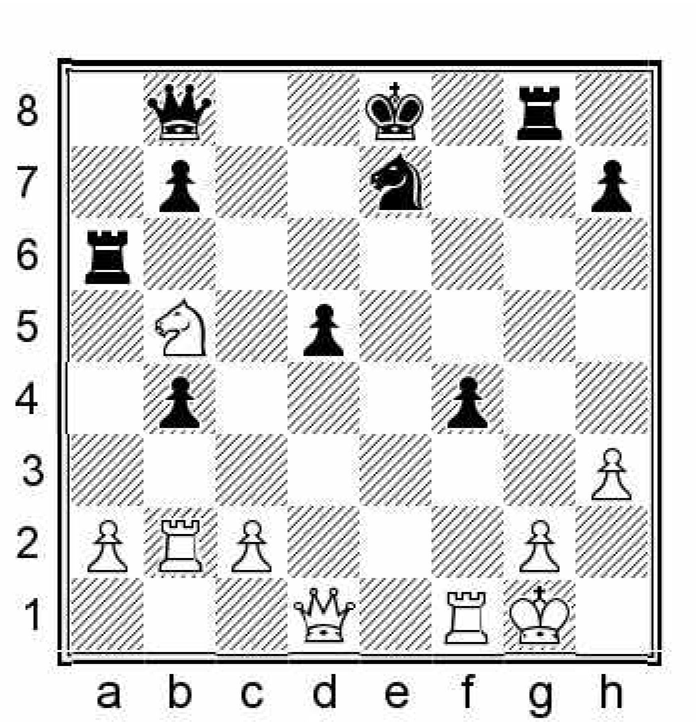
16...♘e7?!

16...♖a5 17.fxe6 ♗xe6 18.♗xe6 fxe6 19.♕h5+ ♖g6 20.a4!? bxa3 21.♕xh7 ♖g7 22.♕h8+ ♔d7 23.♕xb8 ♗xb8 24.♘xa3 ♖a4 25.♗h6 ♖h7 26.♗e3 ♘d4 27.♗xd4 (27.c3 ♘e2+ 28.♔f2 ♘g3 29.♖fe1

♗d6⇄) 27...♖xd4 28.♖ad1 ♗a7 29.♔h1 ♖xd1 30.♖xd1 ♖f7 31.c4 ♔c6⇄

17.fxe6 fxe6

17...♗xe6 18.♗xe6 fxe6 19.♗d2! ♗xb2 20.♗f4 e5 21.♖b1! exf4 22.♖xb2 ♖a6



23.c4! bxc3 24.♖e2!±

18.♕d3! ♕c8 19.♘d4 ♕c4 20.♘xe6!± ♕xd3 21.cxd3 ♖xg4?

21...♖a6 22.♗h5+ ♘g6 23.♘f4±

22.♖f8# 1-0

55. B48
Grischuk, Alexander (2764) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)
Beograd 152/55, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.a3 d6 8.f4 ♕c7 9.♗d3

9.♕f3 ♗e7 - 11/313

9...♗e7 10.O-O O-O 11.♔h1 ♖e8 12.♕f3 ♗d7 13.♖ae1 ♖ac8 14.♕g3N

14.g4 ♘xd4 15.♗xd4 ♘xg4! 16.♕xg4 (16.♗xg7 f5∞) 16...e5 17.♕g1 exd4 18.♘d5 ♕d8 19.♕xd4 ♗h4 20.♖g1 g6∞; 14.♘de2 b5 15.g4 g6 16.♘g3 ♖f8 17.g5 ♘e8 18.f5 ♘e5 19.♕g2 f6 20.h4 ♘g7 21.gxf6 ♗xf6 22.h5 ♗c6 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.hxg6 ♕e7 25.♗h6=

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15...♘f6

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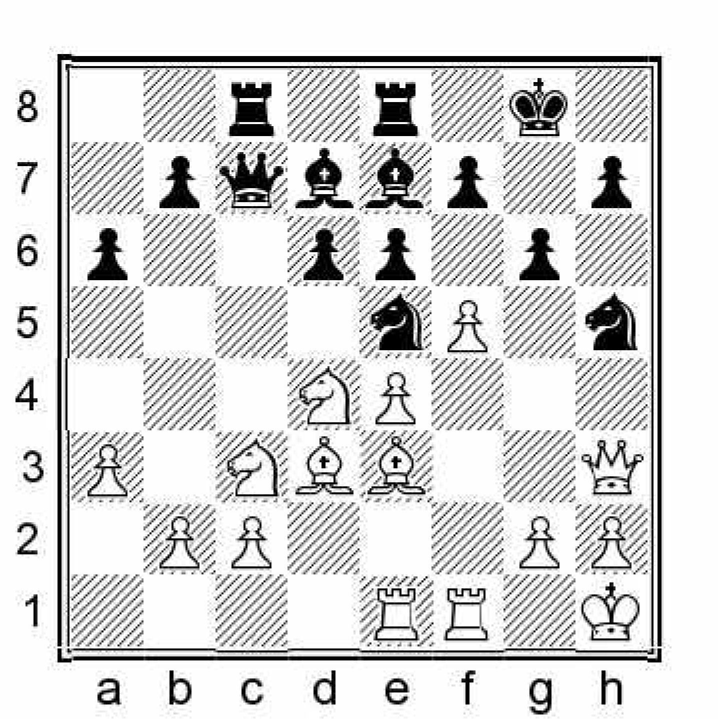

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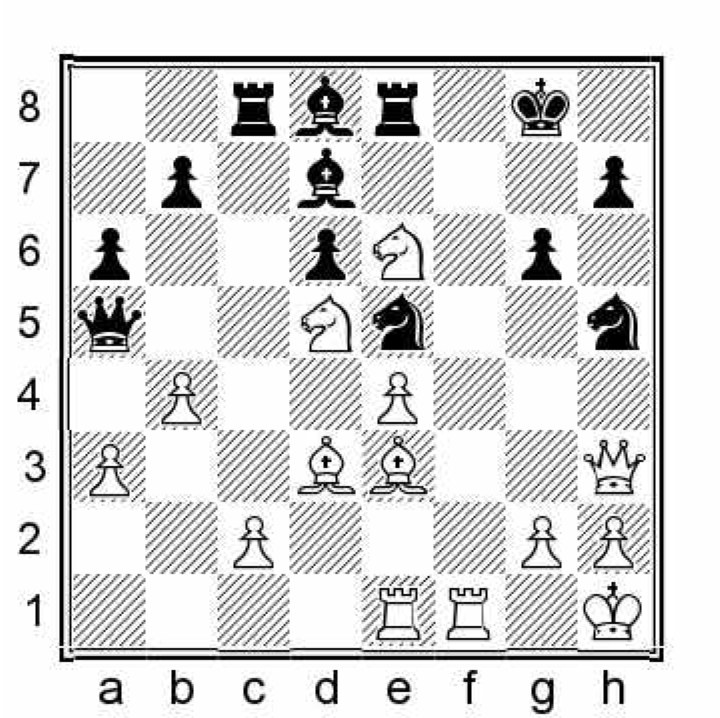
18.♗e2 ♘f6 19.fxe6 (19.g4 ♖xc3! 20.bxc3 ♘xe4⇄; 19.♖d1 b5∞) 19...fxe6 20.♖d1 ♖f8 21.♗h6 (21.♘xe6? ♖xc3! 22.♘xd8 (22.bxc3 ♕c8-+) 22...♗xh3 23.bxc3 ♗g4 24.♗xg4 ♘exg4 25.♗b6 ♗xd8∓) 21...♖f7 22.♘f3∞

18...fxe6 19.♘xe6 ♕a5 20.♘d5

20.b4 ♕xa3 21.♘d5 ♗f8 22.♖a1 ♕b2 23.♖ab1 ♕a3 24.♖a1=

20...♗d8 21.♗h6??

21.b4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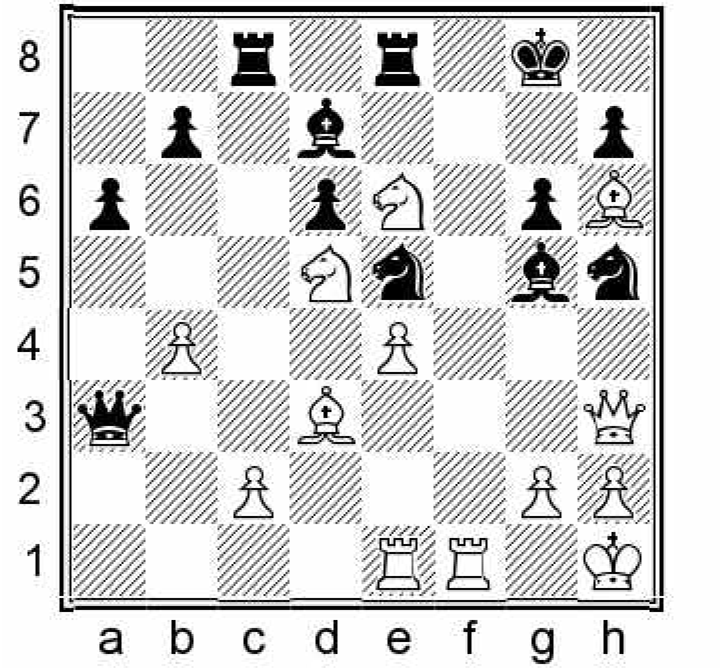
21...♕a4! (21...♕xa3?! 22.♗h6 ♔h8 (22...♘g7? 23.♘xg7 ♗xh3 24.♘xe8+-; 22...♗g5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23.♕xh5!! gxh5 24.♘xg5 ♔h8 25.♗e2! ♖e6 (25...♗g4 26.♗xg4 hxg4 27.♖f5 ♖xc2 28.♖ef1 ♖cc8 29.♘e7!+-; 25...♖xc2 26.♗xh5 ♖g8 27.♘e7±) 26.♘xe6 ♗xe6 27.♘e7±) 23.♖d1! ♕b2 24.♗e2 ♗xe6 25.♕xe6 ♗g5 26.♕xc8 ♖xc8 27.♗xg5±) 22.♗h6 ♘g7 23.♘xg7 ♗xh3 24.♘xe8 ♗xg2+ 25.♔xg2 ♕xe8 26.♖f8+ ♕xf8 27.♗xf8 ♔xf8∞

21...♕xe1! 22.♖xe1 ♗xe6 23.♕e3 ♘g4 24.♕d2 ♘xh6 25.♗e2

25.♕xh6 ♗xd5-+

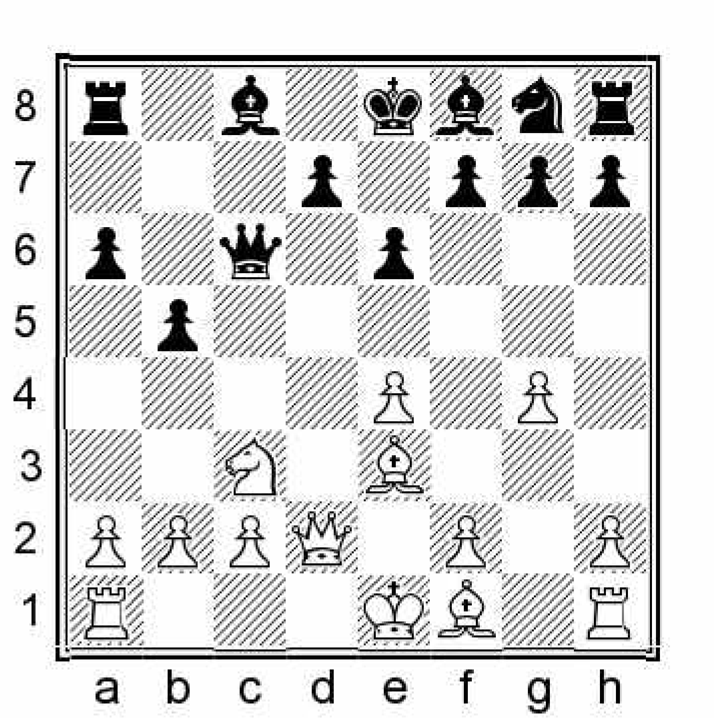
25...♘g7-+ 26.♖f1

26.♕xh6 ♗xd5 27.exd5 ♖xc2-+

26...♘f7 27.♘f6+ ♗xf6 28.♖xf6 ♖c5 29.h3 ♘h5 30.♗xh5 ♖xh5 31.♕f2 ♖e5 32.♕b6 ♖e7 33.♖f4 g5 34.♖f2 ♖xe4 35.b3 ♗d5 0-1

56. B48
Raunak, Sadhwani (2619) - Erigaisi, Arjun Kumar (2675)
Sharjah 152/56, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.g4 a6 7.♗e3 b5 8.♘xc6 ♕xc6 9.♕d2



9...h5!?N

9...b4 - 151/57

10.g5 ♘e7 11.♖g1 ♘g6 12.f4 ♘h4?

12...♗c5 13.O-O-O b4 14.♘e2 ♗xe3 15.♕xe3 ♗b7 16.f5 (16.♕d2 O-O 17.♕xb4 ♖fc8 18.c3 ♖ab8∞) 16...♘e5 17.♘d4 ♕c5 (17...♕xe4? 18.♕d2+-) 18.g6 fxg6 19.fxe6 dxe6 20.♗h3 O-O 21.♗xe6+ ♔h7 22.♖g5 ♖ad8⇄

13.♕f2 b4 14.♘d5! exd5

14...♘g6 15.O-O-O! exd5 16.exd5 ♕c7 (16...♕a4 17.d6+-) 17.♖e1 ♗e7 18.d6! ♕xd6 19.♗c5 ♕c7 20.f5+-

15.exd5 ♕xd5 16.♕xh4 ♗c5 17.♗xc5

17.♖g3! ♖a7 (17...O-O 18.♗g2 ♕e6 19.♕xh5 g6 (19...♗xe3 20.♖h3+-) 20.♕e2+-) 18.♖d1 ♕c6 (18...♕e6 19.f5! ♕xf5 20.♕c4 d6 21.♖d5 ♕e6 22.♗h3+-) 19.f5 d6 20.f6 gxf6 21.gxf6 ♔d8 22.♗xc5 ♕xc5 23.♖xd6+! ♕xd6 24.♖d3±

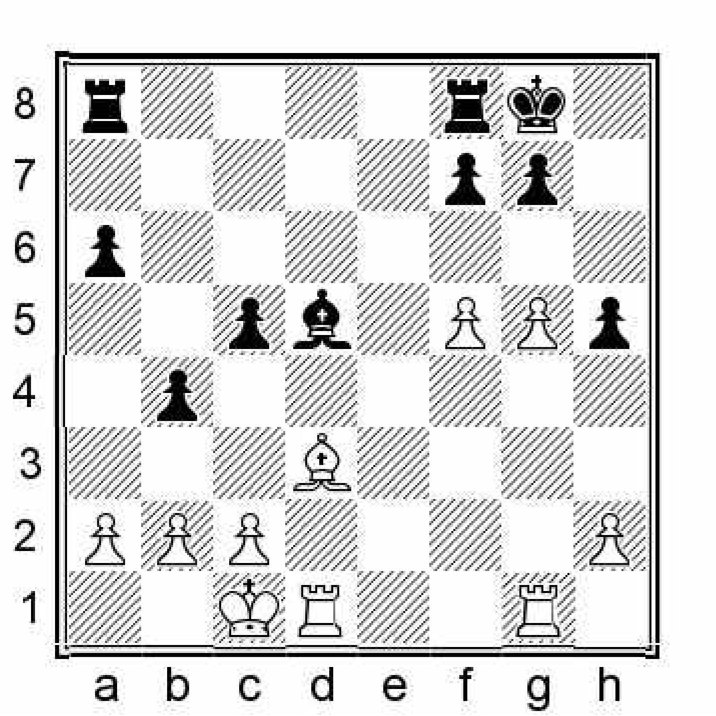
17...♕xc5 18.♕f2 d6

⌓18...♕xf2+ 19.♔xf2 O-O 20.♖d1±

19.♕xc5 dxc5 20.O-O-O ♗e6 21.♗d3 O-O

21...g6 22.♖de1! ♔e7 23.♖e5 ♖hc8 24.♖ge1±

22.f5 ♗d5



23.♖ge1?!

23.g6! c4 (23...fxg6 24.fxg6 ♖f4 25.♖g5 ♗f3 26.♖f1+-) 24.♗f1 ♖ad8 25.♖d4 c3 26.♖xb4 cxb2+ 27.♔xb2+-

23...♖fe8 24.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 25.♗xa6 ♖e5 26.♗c8

26.♖f1 g6! 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.♖g1 ♗e6=∞

26...♗f3 27.♖f1 ♗c6

27...♗g4! 28.a4 bxa3 29.bxa3 c4! 30.♔b2 (30.♖f4 c3 31.♔b1 g6=) 30...c3+! 31.♔b3 ♖b5+ 32.♔a4 ♖b2=

28.♗a6 ♔f8 29.♗d3 f6 30.gxf6

30.g6 ♔e7 31.♔d2 ♖d5 32.♔e3 ♖e5+ 33.♔f2 c4! 34.♗xc4 ♗e4=

30...gxf6 31.♔d2 ♖d5 32.♖f4 ♗b5!= 33.♔e3 ♗xd3 34.cxd3 ♔e7 35.a3 bxa3 36.bxa3 ♔d6 37.a4 ♔e5 1/2-1/2

57. B49
Idani, Pouya (2635) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2659)

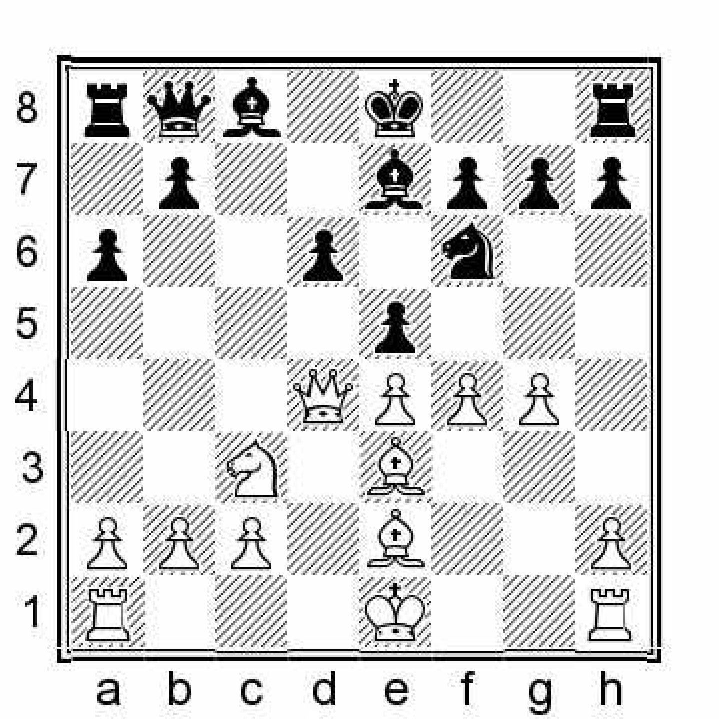
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e2 ♘f6 7.♘db5

7.♗e3 - 137/(66)

7...♕b8 8.f4 d6 9.♗e3 ♗e7 10.g4 a6 11.♘d4 ♘xd4

11...e5!? 12.♘f5 ♗xf5 13.gxf5 (13.exf5 d5! 14.♘xd5 ♘xd5 15.♕xd5 ♗h4+ 16.♗f2 ♗xf2+ 17.♔xf2 O-O↑) 13...b5⇄

12.♕xd4 e5



13.♕d2!?N

13.♕d1

13...♘xg4

13...♗xg4! 14.♖g1 (14.O-O-O ♗xe2 15.♕xe2 O-O 16.♖hg1 ♖c8 17.♘a4 (17.f5 ♖xc3! 18.bxc3 ♕c7 19.♖d3 ♖c8∞) 17...exf4 18.♗d4 ♖c6 19.♘b6 ♖xb6 20.♗xb6 g6∞) 14...h5 (14...♗xe2?! 15.♕xe2 g6 16.O-O-O O-O 17.f5±) 15.h3 ♗xh3 16.♖xg7 ♕c7 17.O-O-O→

14.♗xg4 exf4 15.♗xf4

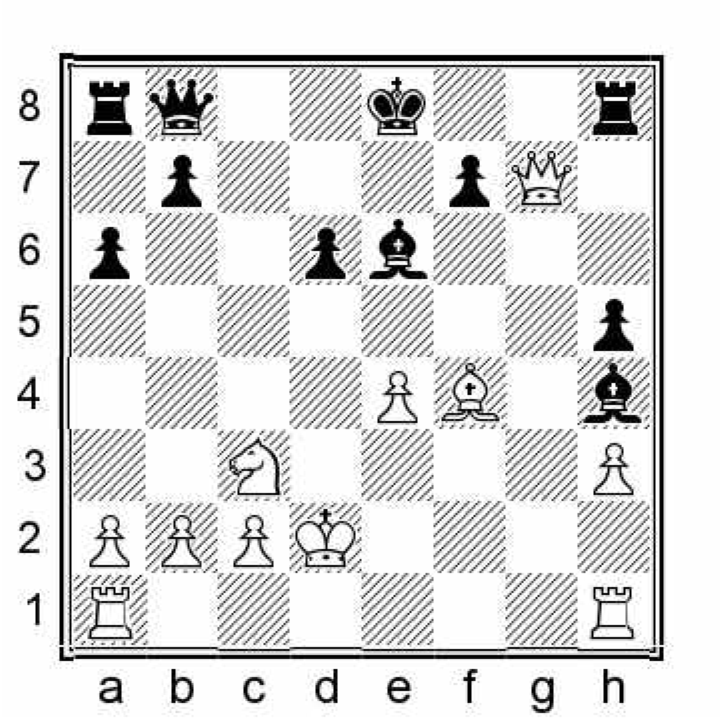
15.♗xc8 fxe3 16.♗d7+! ♔xd7 17.♕xe3 ♗h4+ 18.♔d2 ♗f6 19.♘d5 ♕a7 20.♕h3+ (20.♘b6+ ♔c7 21.♘xa8+ ♕xa8⯹) 20...♔c6 21.♖af1 ♕d4+ 22.♕d3 ♕xd3+ 23.cxd3 ♗g5+ 24.♔e2 ♖hf8 25.h4 ♗h6 26.♖h2±

15...♗xg4 16.♕g2 ♗h4+?

16...♕c8! 17.♘d5 (17.♖g1 ♗h4+ 18.♔d2 h5 19.h3 g5! 20.hxg4 gxf4 21.gxh5 ♕c5 22.♘d5 ♕d4+

23.♔c1 O-O-O∞) 17...♗d8 18.♔d2 (18.♖g1?! ♗h5∓ 19.♕xg7? ♕xc2! 20.♕xh8+ ♔d7-+) 18...g6 19.♖ae1 O-O 20.♔c1 ♖e8 21.♗xd6 a5!⇄

17.♔d2 h5 18.h3 ♗e6 19.♕xg7



19...♔d7?

19...♖f8 20.♖ad1 ♕d8 21.♗h6 ♔d7 22.♔c1 ♖g8 23.♕d4±

20.♖ad1 ♖g8 21.♕d4 ♗g5

21...♗g3 22.♗xg3 ♖xg3 23.♔c1 ♕c7 24.e5+-

22.♗xg5 ♖xg5 23.♔c1 ♕c7

23...♔e7 24.♘d5+ ♗xd5 25.exd5 ♖e5 26.♖de1 f6 (26...♖xe1+ 27.♖xe1+ ♔d7 28.♕a4+ b5 29.♕f4 ♕f8 30.♕f2+-) 27.♖hg1 ♔f7 28.♖xe5 dxe5 29.♕b6+-

24.e5 ♖d8 25.exd6 ♕c5 26.♕f6 ♔c8

26...♖f5 27.♕e7+ ♔c8 28.♘e4 ♕b6 29.♖d3 ♔b8 30.♖hd1+-

27.♘e4 ♕e3+ 28.♔b1 ♖d5 29.♖xd5 ♗xd5 30.♕f5+

30.♕e7! ♕b6 (30...♖d7 31.♕e8+ ♖d8 32.d7+ ♔c7 33.♕e5++-) 31.♖d1 ♗xe4 (31...♗e6 32.b3+-) 32.♕xe4 ♖xd6 33.♕f5+ ♖e6 34.♕xf7+-

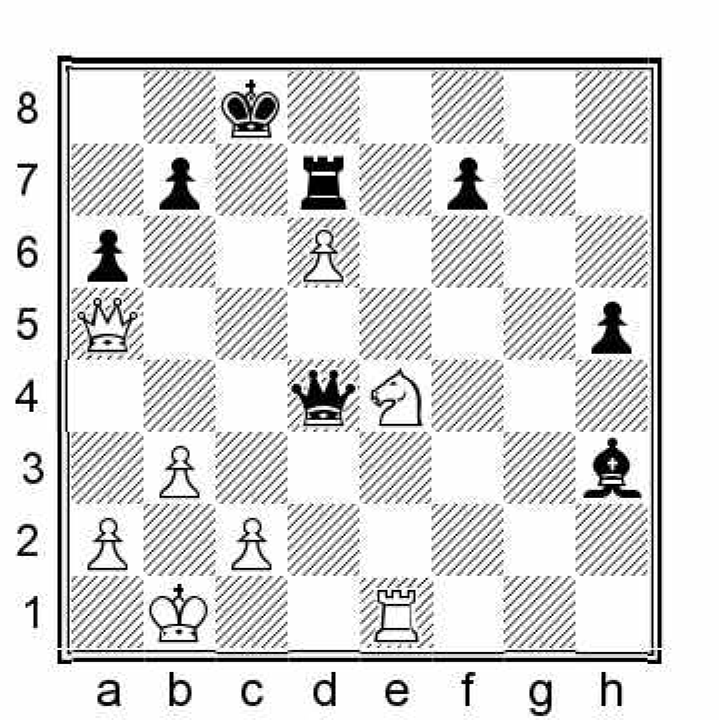
30...♗e6 31.♕a5 ♖d7 32.♖e1 ♕d4

32...♕xh3 33.♕c5+ ♔b8 34.♘f6+-

33.b3

33.♕xh5+-

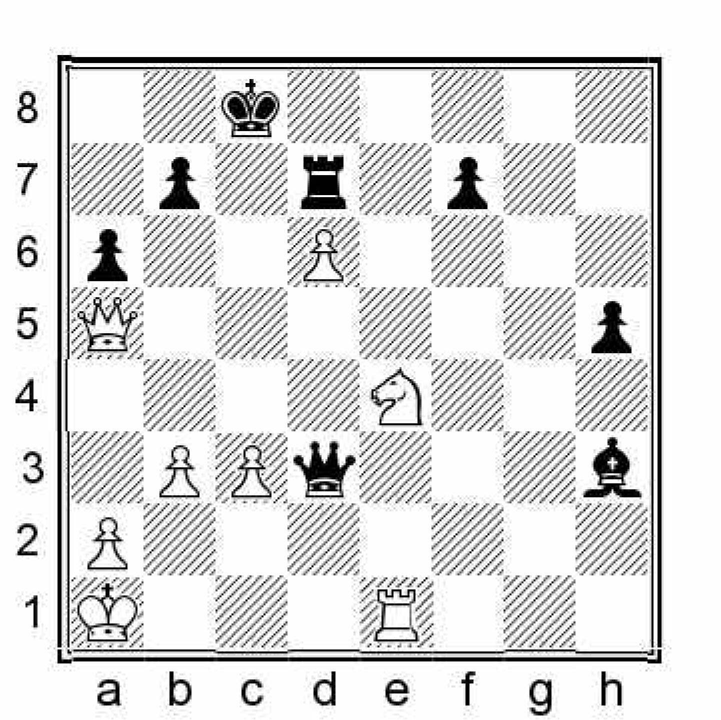
33...♗xh3



34.c3?

34.♘f6! ♖xd6 (34...♕xf6 35.♖e8++-) 35.♖e8+ ♖d8 36.♘d5! ♕xd5 37.♕xd5 ♖xe8 38.♕c4+! ♔b8 39.♕xf7 ♖e1+ 40.♔b2 ♗g4 41.a4+-

34...♕d3+ 35.♔a1



35...♕b5!= 36.♕a3

36.♕xb5 axb5 37.♘f6 ♖xd6 38.♘xh5=

36...♕c6 37.♕a5 ♕b5 38.♕a3 ♕e5 39.♕c1! ♗g2 40.♘d2 ♕f4

40...♕xd6 41.♘c4 ♕f6 42.♖e8+ ♖d8 43.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 44.♕f4=

41.♖e8+ ♖d8 42.♕e1 ♕xd6 43.♘c4 ♕c6 44.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 45.♕h4+ f6 46.♕xh5 ♗d5 47.♕h8+ ♔e7 48.♕g7+ ♗f7 49.♔b2 ♕c5 50.♕g2 b5 51.♕e2+ ♗e6 52.♘e3 ♕e5 53.♕d2 b4 1/2-1/2

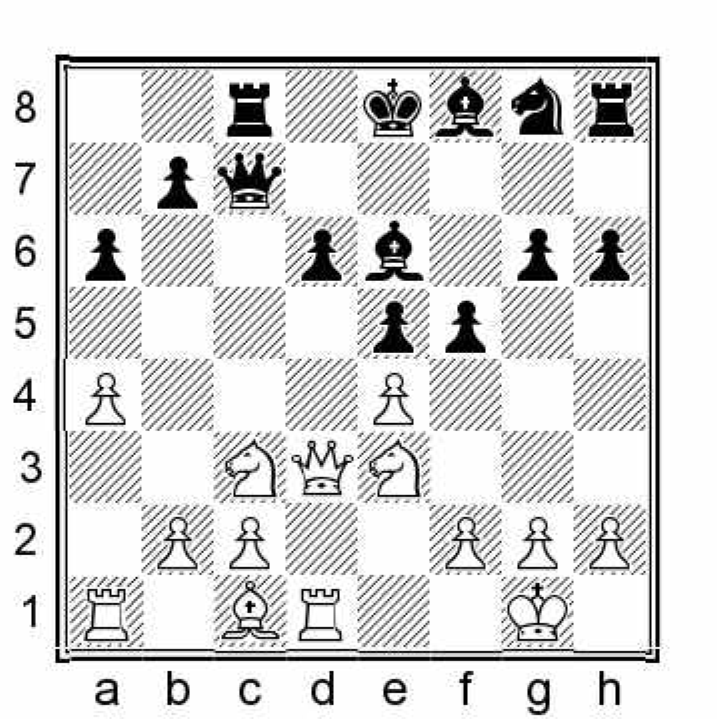
B50-B74

58. !N B51
McShane, Luke J (2647) - Keymer, Vincent (2655)
Deutschland 152/58, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♕xd4 a6 6.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 7.♘c3 e5 8.♕d3 ♖c8 9.O-O ♕c7

9...h6 - 140/(62)

10.♖d1 ♗e6 11.a4 h6 12.♘d2 g6 13.♘f1 f5 14.♘e3



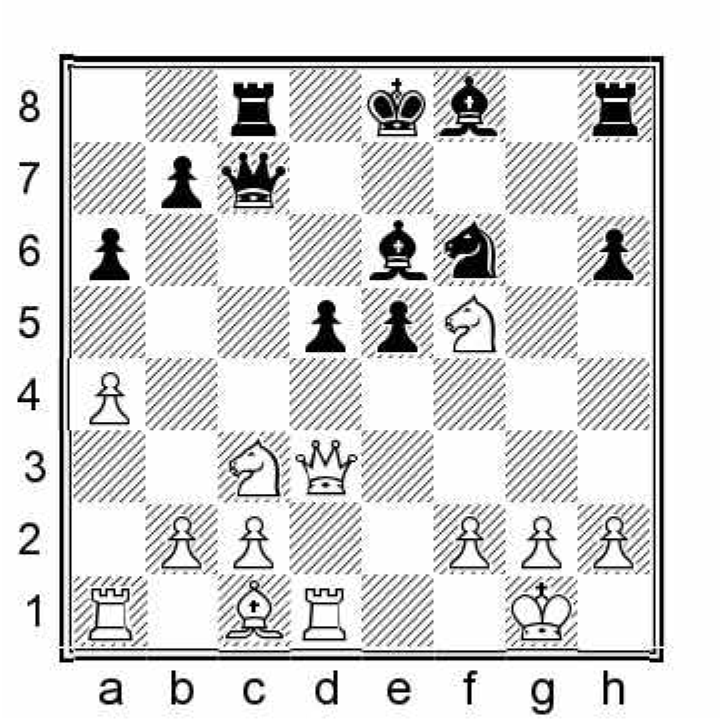
14...♘f6!N

14...♘e7 15.♕xd6 ♕xd6 16.♖xd6 ♔f7 17.♖b6 ♖b8 18.♘ed5 ♘c8 19.♖b3 fxe4 20.♗e3↑

15.exf5

15.♘cd5 ♘xd5 16.exd5 ♗d7 17.b3 ♔f7 18.c4 f4 19.♘f1 ♗f5 20.♕e2 ♗g7↑

15...gxf5 16.♘xf5 d5



17.♗f4!

17.♘g3 ♕f7 18.♕e2 ♗c5↑

17...exf4 18.♘d4 ♗g8!

18...♗f7?! 19.♖e1+ ♗e7 (19...♔d8 20.♕f5 ♗g7 21.♘e6+ ♗xe6 22.♖xe6+-) 20.♘f5 ♗g6 21.♖xe7+ ♕xe7 22.♘xe7 ♗xd3 23.♘xc8 ♗xc2 24.♘e2±; 18...♔f7 19.♘xe6 ♔xe6 20.♘xd5 ♕xc2 21.♕h3+ ♔f7 22.♘xf6 ♔xf6 23.♕h4+ ♔g6 24.♕g4+ ♔f6 25.♕h4+ (25.♖d4!? ♖c5 26.h4→) 25...♔g6=

19.♖e1+ ♗e7?

19...♔f7 20.♖e6 (20.♕f5 ♗h7 21.♕e6+ ♔g7 22.♘xd5 ♘xd5 23.♕g4+ ♔f7 24.♕e6+=) 20...♗g7 21.♕f5 ♗h7 22.♖xf6+ ♗xf6 23.♕e6+ ♔g7 24.♕g4+ ♔f7 25.♕e6+=

20.♘f5 ♗h7

20...♖h7 21.♘xe7 ♖xe7 22.♕g6++-

21.♘xd5?

21.♖e6! ♖f8 (21...O-O 22.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 23.♖xe7 ♗xd3 24.cxd3+-) 22.♖ae1 ♖f7 23.♖xf6! ♖xf6 24.♘g7+ ♔d8 25.♕xh7 ♕d7 26.♘e6+ ♖xe6 27.♕g8+ ♔c7 28.♕xe6+-

21...♘xd5 22.♕xd5 ♗xf5 23.♕xf5 ♖d8!= 24.♕g6+ ♔f8 25.♕f5+ ♔e8 26.♕g6+ ♔f8 27.♕f5+ ♔e8 1/2-1/2

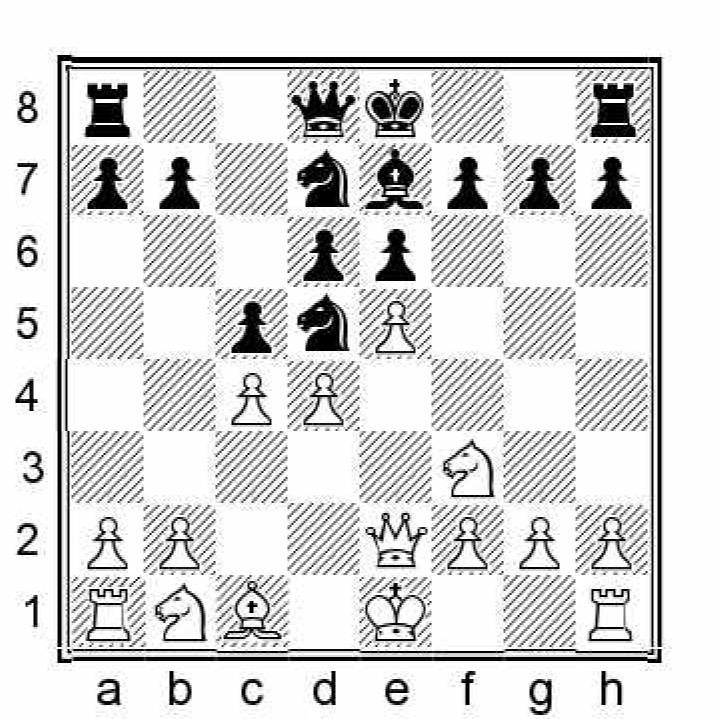
59. * B52
Maurizzi, Marc Andria (2493) - Yilmaz, Mustafa Enes (2624)
Terme Catez 152/59, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♗d7 4.♗xd7+ ♘xd7 5.c3 ♘gf6 6.♕e2 e6 7.d4 ♗e7

7...cxd4 - 151/65

8.e5 dxe5

8...♘d5 9.c4

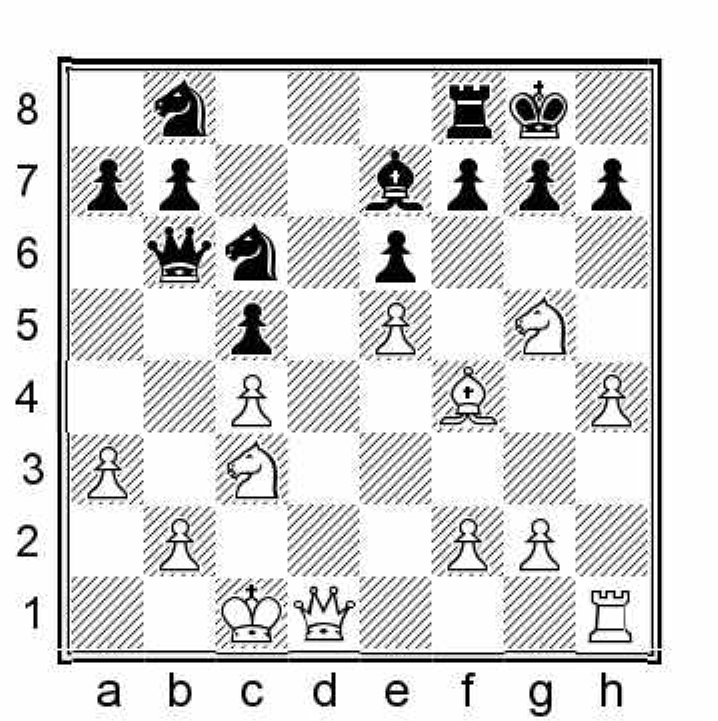


9...♘b4N (9...♘c7?!) 10.a3 ♘c6 11.exd6 ♗xd6 12.d5 ♘ce5 13.♘xe5 ♘xe5 14.O-O O-O∞ Matlakov,M (2674)-Sarana,A (2675) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/(59) 2022

9.dxe5 ♘d5 10.c4 ♘b4 11.♘c3N

11.O-O

11...O-O 12.♗f4 ♕b6 13.O-O-O ♖ad8 14.h4 ♘b8 15.a3 ♘4c6 16.♘g5 ♖xd1+ 17.♕xd1



17...♘d4?

17...♘d7! 18.♕d3 (18.♕xd7 ♖d8 19.♘d5 ♖xd7 20.♘xb6 axb6=; 18.♕c2 g6 19.♘xh7!? ♖d8∞) 18...g6 19.h5 (19.♘f3 h5∞) 19...♘dxe5 20.♕h3 ♗xg5 21.♗xg5 ♘xc4 22.b4 ♕c7∞

18.♕d3 g6 19.♘xh7?

19.h5! ♗xg5 20.♗xg5 ♘bc6 21.♗f6 ♕b3 22.♖d1 ♘a5 23.♘e4 b6 24.♔b1

19...♖d8!

19...♔xh7? 20.h5 ♔g7 (20...♘f5 21.hxg6+ ♔xg6 22.g4+-) 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.♗h6+ ♔f7 23.♗xf8 ♗xf8 24.♘e4+-

20.♕e4

20.♔b1 ♘b5! 21.♘d5 exd5 22.cxd5 ♔xh7-+

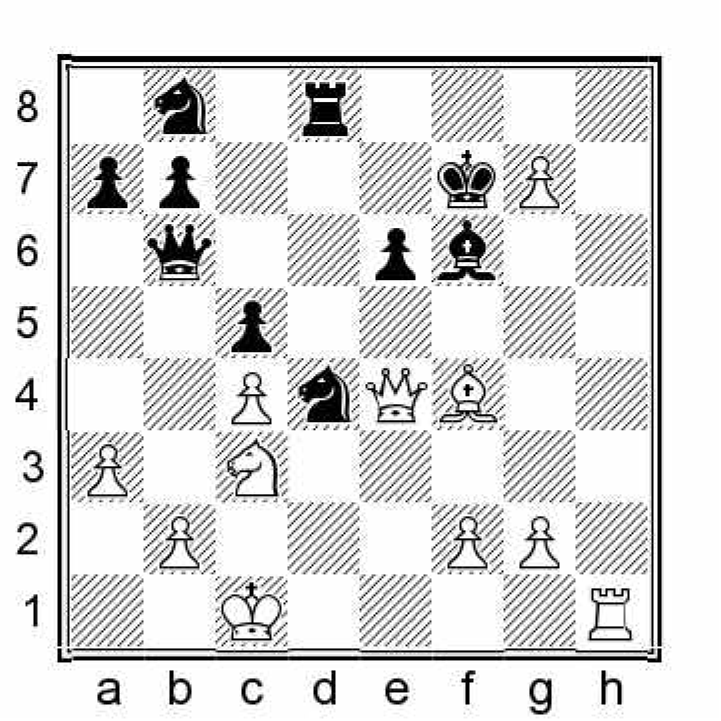
20...♔xh7?

20...♘b3+ 21.♔b1 ♖d4 22.♕f3 ♘d7 (22...♔xh7? 23.h5 g5 24.♗xg5! ♗xg5 25.♕xf7+ ♔h8 26.♕e8+ ♔h7 27.♕g6+ ♔h8 28.♕xg5+-) 23.♘f6+ (23.♘e4 ♕c6 24.♖e1 ♔xh7-+; 23.h5 ♘xe5!-+) 23...♘xf6 24.exf6 ♗xf6-+

21.h5 ♔g8?

21...♔g7 22.♗h6+ ♔g8 23.hxg6 f5 24.♕f4 ♕b3 25.♔b1 ♕c2+ (25...♘c2 26.♗g7 ♘xa3+ 27.♔a1 ♘c2+ 28.♔b1=) 26.♔a2 ♕b3+ 27.♔b1=

22.hxg6 f5 23.exf6 ♗xf6 24.g7 ♔f7

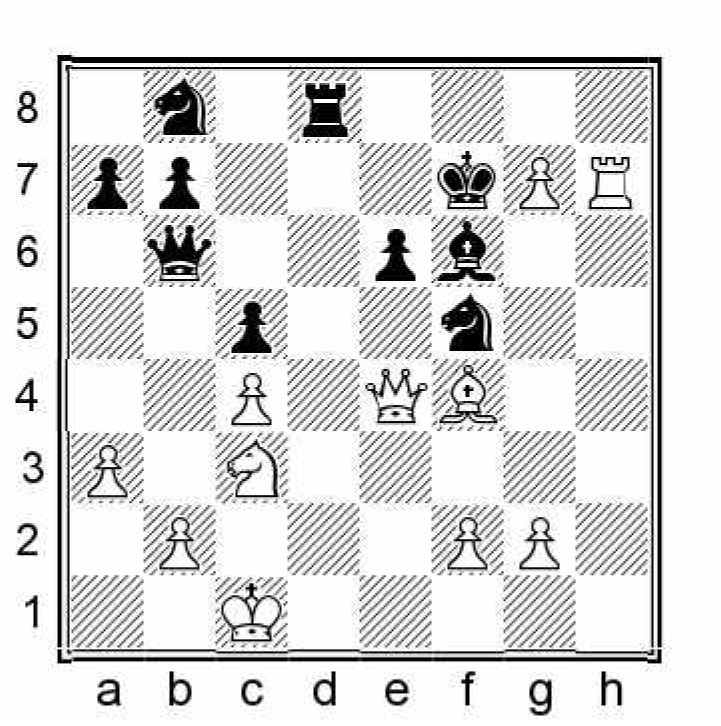


24...♘f5 25.g4 ♘xg7 (25...♖d4 26.♖h8+ ♔xg7 27.♕h1+-) 26.g5 ♗xc3 (26...♗d4 27.♕h7+ ♔f8 28.♘b5 ♘c6 29.♘xd4 ♘xd4 30.♗e5+-) 27.♕h7+ ♔f8 28.bxc3+-

25.♖h7

25.♕h7! ♖g8 (25...♗xg7 26.♗e5 ♖g8 27.♘e4+-) 26.♕h5+ ♔e7 27.♖e1 ♘b3+ 28.♔c2 ♗xc3 29.bxc3+-

25...♘f5



26.g8=♕+

26.♗c7!+-

26...♔xg8 27.♖xb7 ♕a6 28.♖xb8?

28.♗c7 ♖d4 (28...♖f8 29.♗xb8 ♗xc3 30.bxc3 ♕xa3+ 31.♔b1+-) 29.♖xb8+ ♔g7 30.♕e1 ♕xc4 31.♗e5+-; 28.g4+-

28...♖xb8 29.♗xb8 ♗xc3 30.bxc3 ♕xa3+ 31.♔c2

31.♔d1 ♕b3+ 32.♔e2 ♔f7=

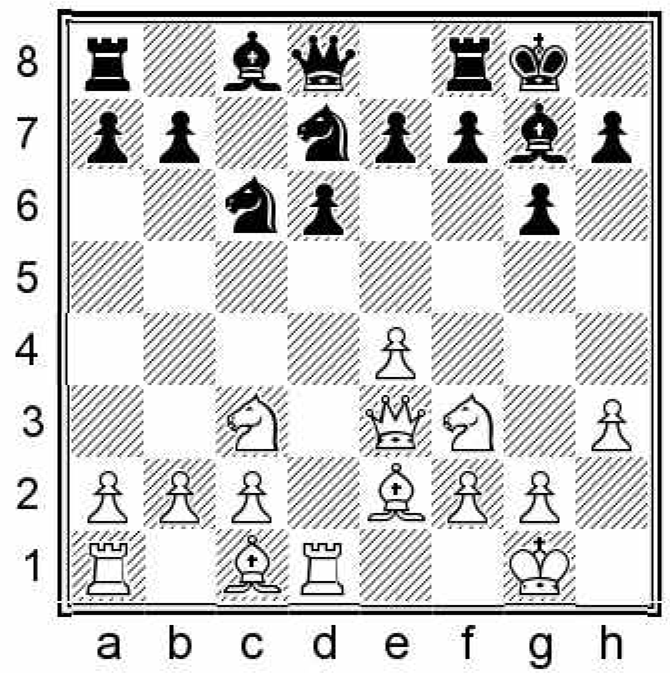
31...♕a2+ 32.♔c1 ♕a1+ 33.♔c2 ♕a2+ 34.♔c1 ♕a1+ 35.♔c2 1/2-1/2

60. B53
Harikrishna, Penteala (2716) - Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701)
Deutschland 152/60, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕e3 g6 6.♗e2 ♗g7 7.O-O ♘f6 8.h3 O-O 9.♖d1 ♘d7

9...♗e6 - 140/(64)

10.♘c3



10...h6!?N

10...b6

11.♕f4 g5!? 12.♕g3 ♘c5 13.e5

13.♖d5!? f5 (13...♗e6? 14.♗xg5!+-; 13...♘b4? 14.♗xg5! hxg5 15.♖xg5 ♘e6 16.♖g4+-) 14.♗c4 e6 (14...f4? 15.♖xg5+ ♔h8 16.♗xf4 hxg5 17.♘xg5+-; 14...♔h8? 15.♘xg5!+-) 15.♖xf5 ♖xf5 16.exf5 d5 17.♗e3! dxc4 18.♗xc5 exf5 19.♖d1±

13...♗f5?!

13...♘xe5 14.♘xe5 ♗xe5 15.f4 ♗xc3 16.♕xc3 ♕b6 17.♔h2→; 13...♗d7 14.exd6 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 ♘e4 16.♕h2 ♘xc3 17.♖e1 exd6 18.♗b2→

14.♗e3 ♕a5 15.exd6?!

15.h4! g4 16.exd6 ♗xc3 (16...gxf3 17.♗xf3 ♘e6 18.♖d5 ♕b4 19.♖b5 ♕xd6 20.♕xd6 exd6 21.♗xc6 bxc6 22.♖xf5±) 17.♗xc5 ♕xc5 18.bxc3 exd6 (18...♕xc3 19.♗d3±) 19.c4±

15...♗xc3 16.dxe7 ♖fe8 17.♗xc5

17.bxc3 ♘e4 18.♕h2 ♘xc3 19.♖d2 ♖xe7∞

17...♗xb2

17...♕xc5 18.bxc3 ♕xc3 19.h4 ♖xe7 20.♗d3 ♗xd3 21.cxd3 ♘e5=

18.♖ab1 ♕xc5 19.♖xb2 ♕xe7

19...♖xe7∞

20.c4

20.♗d3 ♗xd3 21.♖xd3 f6!∞

20...♖ad8 21.♖d5 ♗e4 22.♘xg5 hxg5 23.♖xg5+ ♗g6

23...♔h8? 24.♖h5+ ♗h7 25.♗d3+-

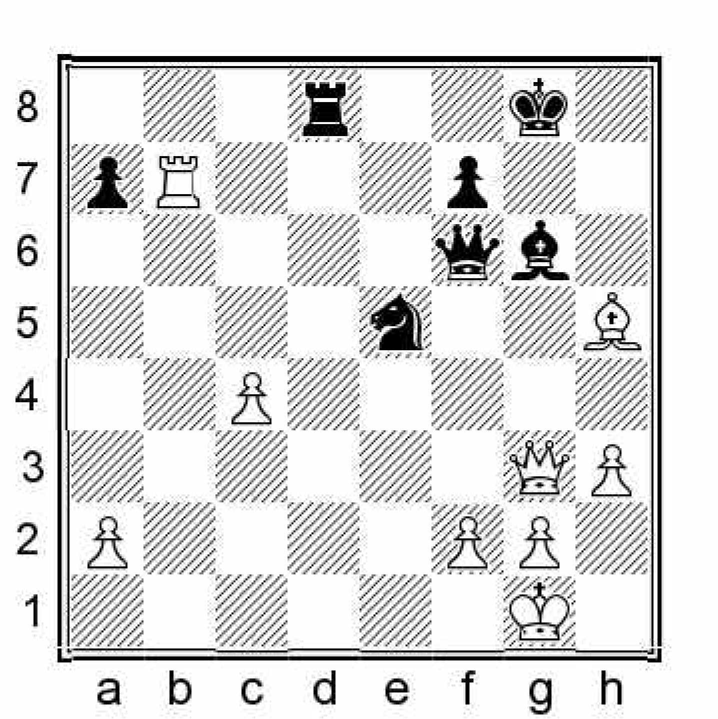
24.♗h5 ♕f6

24...♕d6 25.♗xg6 ♖e1+ 26.♔h2 ♕xg3+ 27.♔xg3 fxg6 28.♖xb7 ♖d6=

25.♖xb7

25.♗xg6 ♕xb2 26.♕f4 ♖e1+ 27.♔h2 fxg6 28.♖xg6+ ♕g7 29.♖xg7+ ♔xg7∞

25...♖e5! 26.♖xe5 ♘xe5



27.♗e2?

27.♖b5! ♖e8 (27...♘xc4 28.♗xg6 fxg6 (28...♖d1+ 29.♔h2 fxg6 30.♖c5=) 29.♖b8=) 28.♗xg6 fxg6 29.♖b7∞

27...♘c6?!

27...♖d2! 28.♕e3 ♖xa2-+ 29.♖xa7? ♘f3+ 30.♗xf3 ♕a1+-+

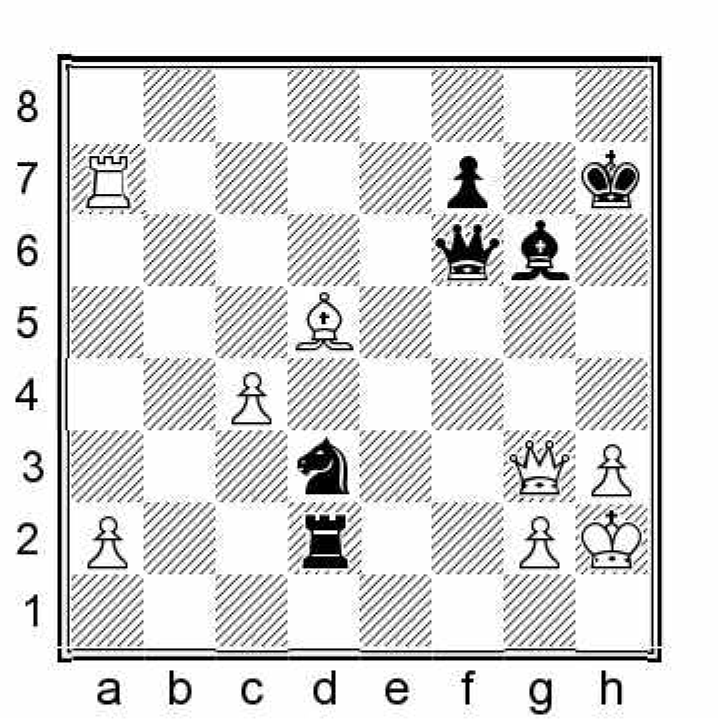
28.♔h2?

28.♗f3! ♖d3 29.♖b3 ♖d7 30.♗e4∓

28...♖d2 29.♗f3 ♘e5 30.♗d5 ♖xf2 31.♖xa7 ♖d2

31...♖c2!-+

32.♖a3 ♘d3 33.♖a7 ♔h7?



33...♔f8 34.♖a8+ ♔g7 35.♖a7 ♘e5 36.♖a3 ♖f2∓

34.h4?

34.♗xf7! ♗xf7 35.♖xf7+ ♕xf7 36.♕h4+ ♔g6 37.♕g4+ ♔h6 38.♕h4+ ♕h5 39.♕f6+ ♔h7 40.♕e7+ ♔g8 (40...♔g6 41.♕e8+ ♔h6 42.♕f8+ ♔g5 43.♕d8+ ♔f4 44.♕d4+ ♔f5 45.♕d5+=) 41.♕d8+ ♔f7 42.♕d7+ ♔f6 43.♕d6+=

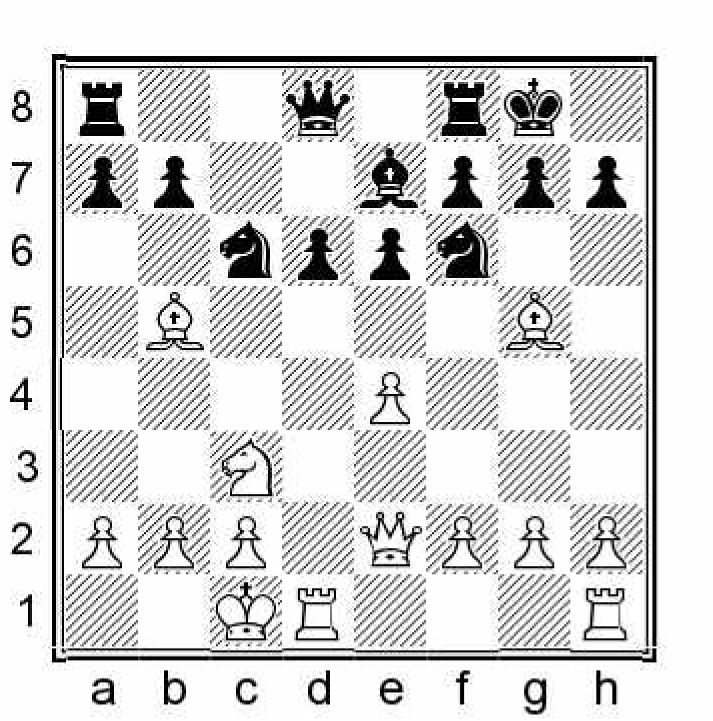
34...♘f4 35.♗f3 ♘xg2! 0-1

61. B56
Ivic, Velimir (2610) - Ivanisevic, Ivan (2601)
Beograd 152/61, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♗d7 6.♗g5 e6 7.♘db5 ♗xb5 8.♗xb5+ ♘c6 9.♕e2

9.♕d2 - 100/(130)

9...♗e7 10.O-O-O O-O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11.♔b1N

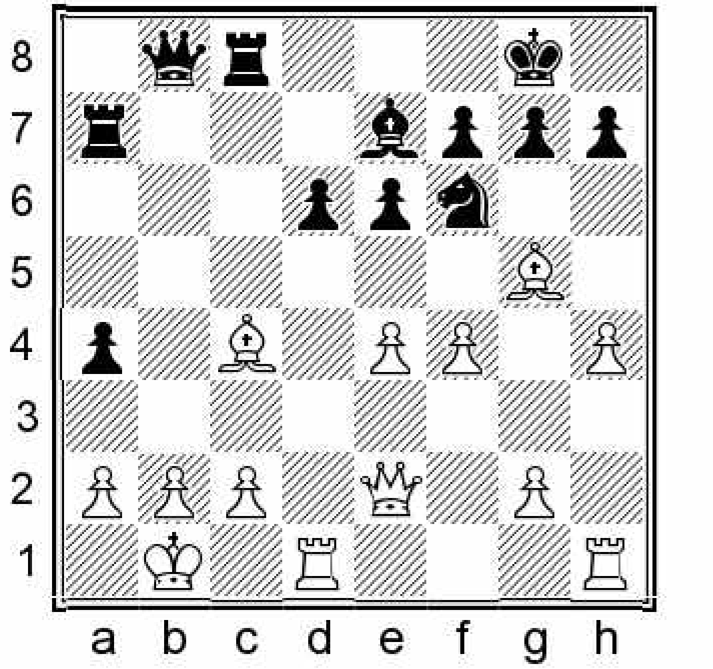
11.h4

11...a6 12.♗a4 b5 13.♗b3 ♕b8 14.h4 ♖c8

14...a5? 15.♗xf6! ♗xf6 16.♕xb5 ♕c7 17.♘a4±; 14...b4 15.♘a4 ♕b5 16.♕e3±

15.f4 a5! 16.♘xb5 a4 17.♗c4 ♖a5?!

17...♘a7! 18.♘xa7 ♖xa7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19.♗b5! (19.e5 ♖b7! 20.exf6 (20.b3 d5 21.exf6 ♗a3!∞) 20...♖xb2+ 21.♔a1 a3 22.♗b3 gxf6∓) 19...a3

20.b3 ♖c5 21.c4 d5⯹

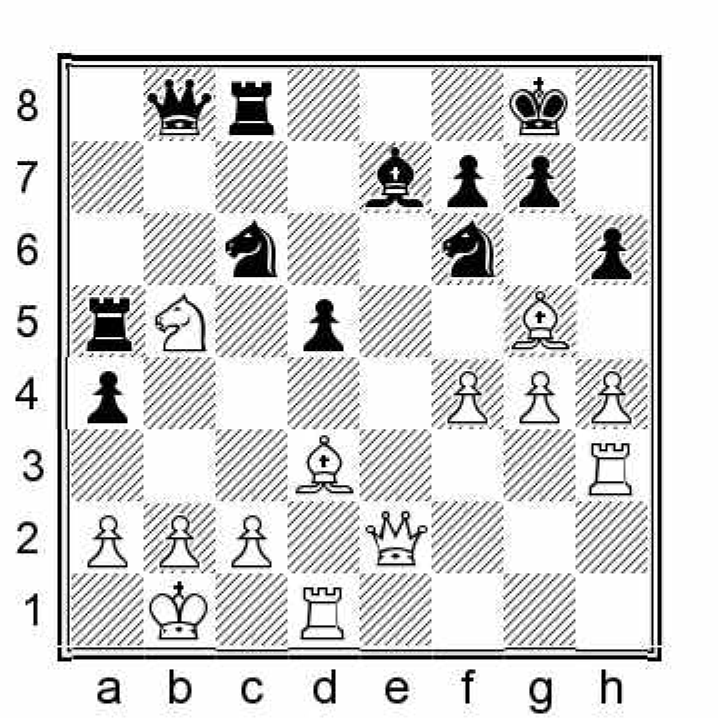
18.♖h3

18.♗xf6! ♗xf6 19.c3±

18...h6 19.g4?!

19.a3! d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.♗d3 ♖e8 22.♖e3±

19...d5! 20.exd5 exd5 21.♗d3



21.♗xf6? ♗xf6 22.♖xd5 ♘e7 23.♖d7 ♖xc4 24.♕xc4 ♖xb5-+

21...♘e4?

21...♖e8! 22.♖e3 (22.♕f1 ♘xg4 23.♗xe7 ♘xe7∓) 22...♗c5 (22...d4!? 23.♖e6□ ♖xb5 24.♗xb5 d3 25.♖xd3 (25.♗xd3 ♘d4 26.♗h7+ ♘xh7 27.♖xd4 a3 28.b3 fxe6 29.♗xe7 ♖xe7 30.♕a6 ♕a7∓) 25...♕xb5 26.♗xf6 fxe6 27.♕xe6+ ♔f8 28.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 29.g5∞) 23.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 24.♖e1 ♘d6 25.♘xd6 ♗xd6 26.♕e8+ ♕xe8 27.♖xe8+ ♗f8 28.h5!? hxg5 29.fxg5 d4 30.g6 ♘e5 31.♗f5∞

22.c4?!

22.♗xe7! ♘xe7 23.c4 ♘g6 (23...dxc4 24.♗xc4 ♖xc4 (24...♕xf4 25.♗d3 ♖d8 26.♖e3 ♘g3 27.♗c2! ♖xd1+ 28.♕xd1+-) 25.♕xc4 ♖xb5 26.♕xe4 ♖xb2+ 27.♔a1+-) 24.♗xe4 ♘xf4 25.♕d2 dxe4 26.♖e3 ♖a6 27.♖xe4±

22...♖e8?

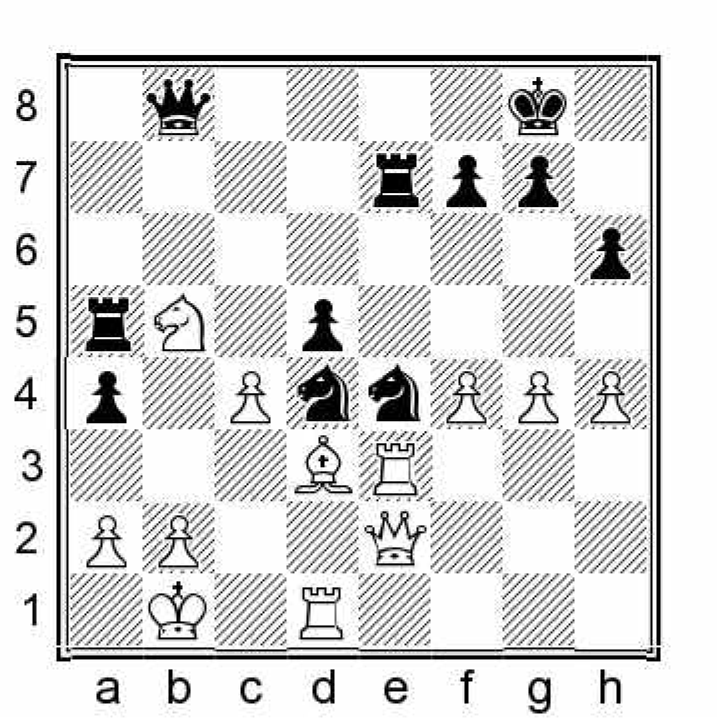
22...♘d4 23.♕e1 ♘xb5 24.cxb5 ♖a7 25.♗xe7 ♖xe7 26.♕b4 ♕xf4 27.♖hh1 (27.♕xe7?? ♕c1+! 28.♖xc1 ♘d2+ 29.♔a1 ♖xc1+ 30.♗b1 ♖xb1#) 27...♖ee8 28.a3↑; 22...♗f8 23.♗xe4 (23.cxd5? ♘b4

24.♗xe4 (24.♘d4 ♘c3+! 25.bxc3 ♘xd5+ 26.♔a1 ♘xc3-+) 24...♖xb5-+) 23...dxe4 24.f5 a3 25.b3 ♘b4∞

23.♗xe7

23.♗xe4 ♗xg5 24.♖e3 ♗xf4 25.♗h7+ ♔f8 26.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 27.♕xe8+ ♔xe8 28.♖xd5+-

23...♖xe7 24.♖e3 ♘d4



24...♕xf4 25.♖e1 f5 26.♗xe4 dxe4 27.gxf5 ♕xf5 (27...♕xh4 28.♖xe4+-) 28.a3+-

25.♕e1!+- ♘xb5 26.♗xe4 ♘d6

26...♖xe4 27.♖xe4 ♘a3+ 28.♔c1+-

27.♗xd5 ♖ea7 28.♕c3 ♖c5 29.♕d4 ♖ac7 30.♖de1 ♖c8 31.♖e7 ♕b4 32.a3 ♕b8 33.f5 ♔f8 34.f6 ♖xd5 35.♕xd5 gxf6 36.c5 1-0

62. B59
Sarakauskas, Gediminas (2425) - Gormally, Daniel (2471)
Great Britain 152/62, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.g4!?

8.O-O - 128/64

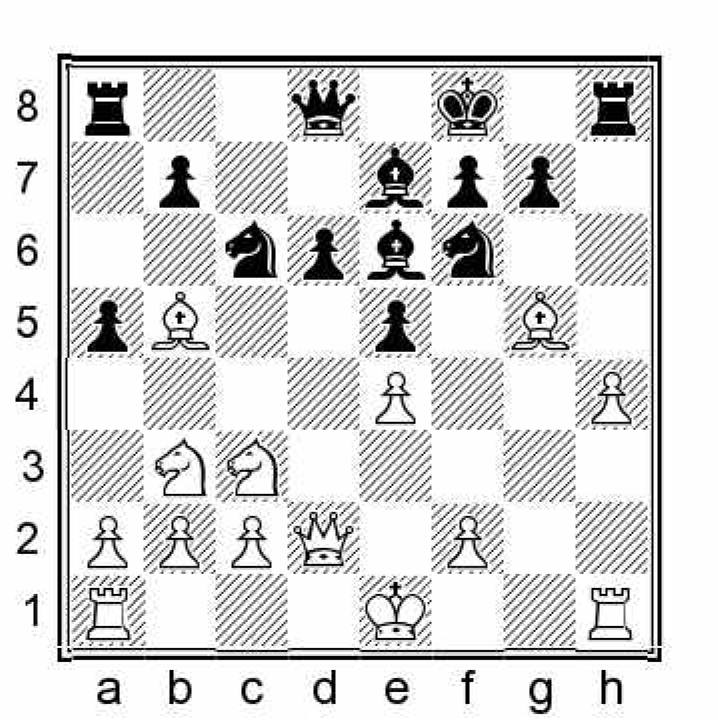
8...h6 9.h4

9.♗e3 ♗e6 10.♗f3 a5 11.♘d5 (11.a4 ♘b4) 11...O-O=

9...♗e6 10.g5

10.♖g1 d5!∓

10...hxg5 11.♗xg5 a5 12.♗b5 ♔f8! 13.♕d2?



13.a4 ♖c8∓; 13.♕d3 ♘b4 14.♕e2 a4 15.♗xa4 d5∓

13...a4! 14.♗xa4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4N

15.♗xe7+

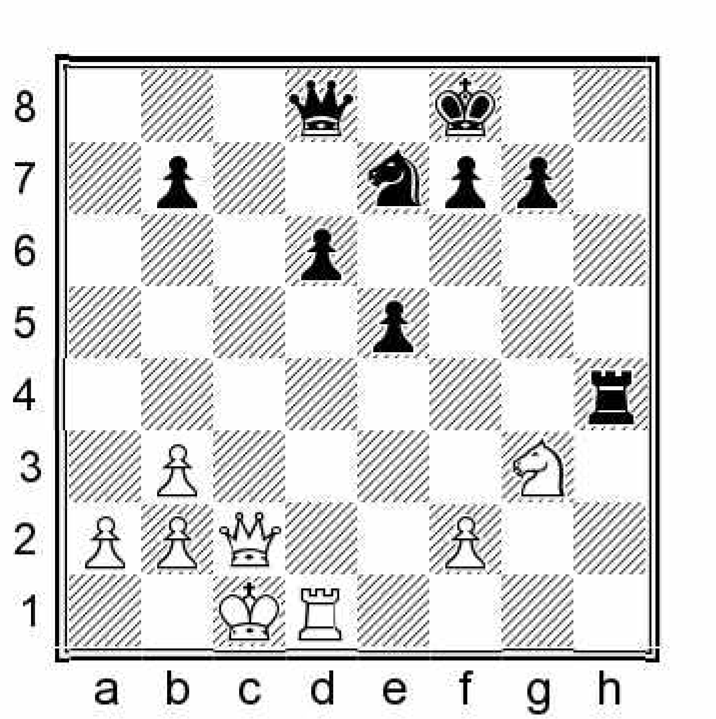
15...♖xa4 16.♘g3

16.♗xe7+ ♕xe7 17.♘xd6 ♘d4!-+

16...♗xb3?!

16...f6! 17.♗e3 ♖axh4 18.♖xh4 ♖xh4 19.O-O-O ♕a8 20.♔b1 ♕a4-+

17.cxb3 ♖d4 18.♗xe7+ ♘xe7 19.♕c2 ♖dxh4 20.♖xh4 ♖xh4 21.O-O-O



21...♘c6!

21...g6 22.♕d2 d5 23.♕g5 ♕c7+ 24.♔b1∓

22.♔b1

22.♘f5 ♘b4! 23.♕b1 (23.♕d2 ♕c8+-+; 23.♖xd6 ♕g5+-+ 24.f4 ♕xf4+ 25.♔d1 ♖h1+ 26.♔e2 ♖h2+ 27.♔e1 ♘xc2+; 23.♕c3 ♘xa2+-+) 23...♕c8+ 24.♔d2 ♖f4 25.♘xd6 ♕c5-+

22...g6 23.♘e4 ♘d4 24.♕d3 ♕d7 25.a3 ♖f4

25...♖h3 26.♘g3!∓ (26.♕c4? ♕g4 27.♖e1 ♖h1!-+)

26.♔a2 ♔g7

26...♕e6!-+

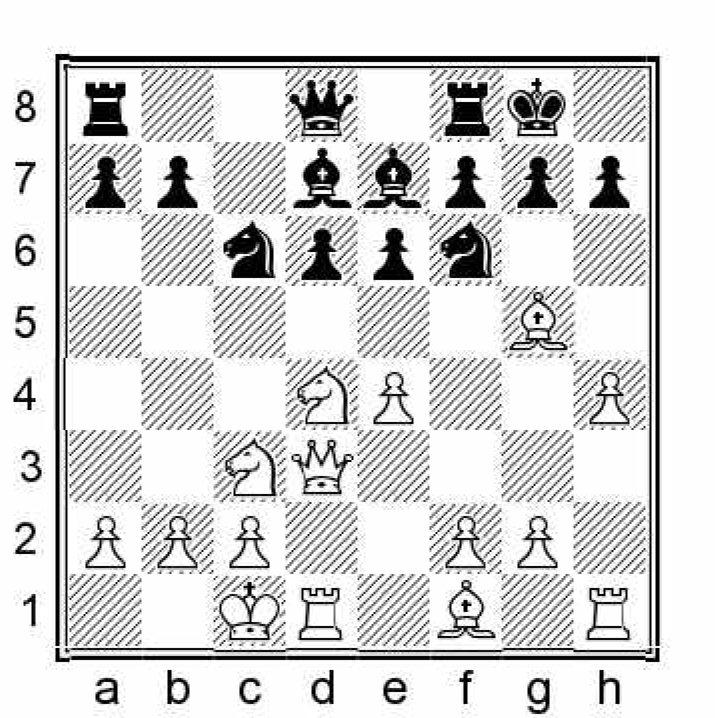
27.♘c3? ♖xf2 28.♖h1 ♕f5 29.♕e3 ♖xb2+! 0-1

63. B62
Huschenbeth, Niclas (2611) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2652)
Deutschland 152/63, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♕d3 d6 7.♗g5 ♗e7 8.O-O-O O-O 9.h4

9.♘b3 - 50/219

9...♗d7



10.♗e2N

10.♕g3 ♘xd4 11.♖xd4 ♘h5! 12.♕h2 ♘f6 13.♗e2 ♕c7⇄

10...♖c8

10...♕b6!? 11.♗e3 ♕c7⇄

11.♕g3 ♘xd4 12.♖xd4 ♕c7?

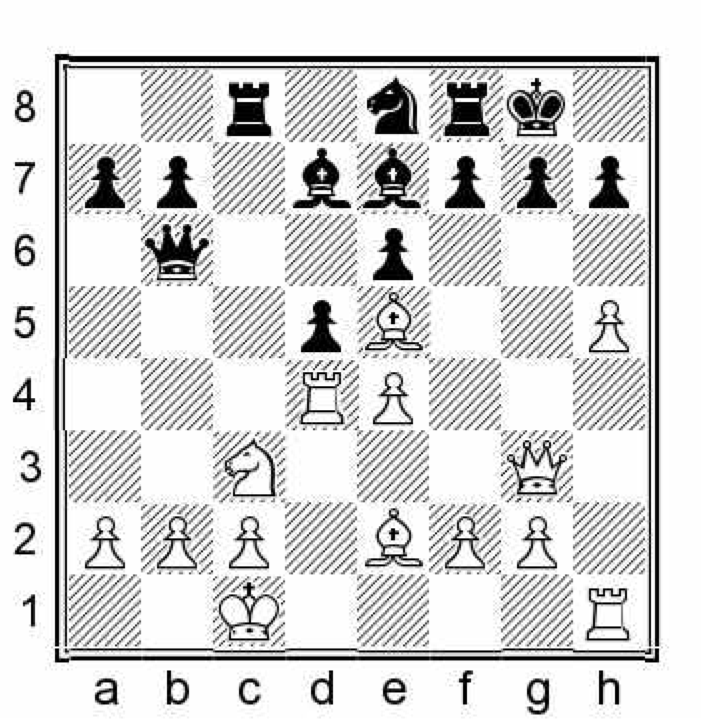
12...♕a5 13.♖hd1 (13.h5? ♖xc3! 14.bxc3 ♘xe4-+) 13...♗c6 14.f4 ♔h8⇄

13.h5 d5

13...♕a5 14.f4 ♖xc3 15.bxc3 ♕xa2 (15...♗c6 16.♗h6 ♘e8 17.♗xg7 ♘xg7 18.h6 ♗f6 19.hxg7 ♖c8 20.♗d3!+-) 16.♗h6 ♘e8 17.♗xg7 ♘xg7 18.h6 ♗f6 19.♔d2!+-

14.♗f4 ♕b6 15.♗e5 ♖xc3!

15...♘e8

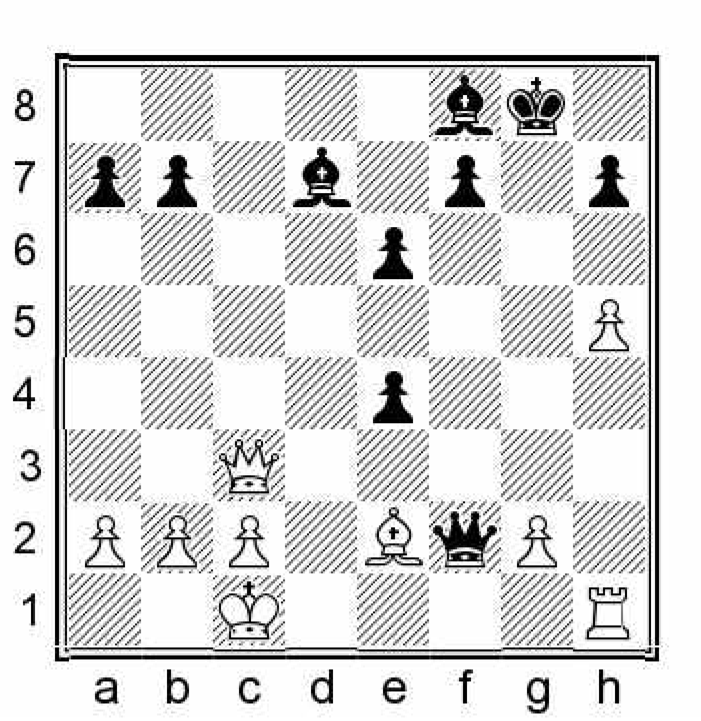


16.♗xg7!! ♘xg7 17.h6 ♕xd4 18.e5 ♗f6 19.♗d3 ♖fe8 20.f4+-

16.♕xc3 ♘xe4 17.♖xe4! dxe4 18.♗xg7 ♕xf2?

18...♗g5+ 19.♔b1 ♖c8 20.♗d4! ♕c6 21.♕xc6 ♗xc6 22.♗xa7 f5±

19.♗xf8 ♗xf8



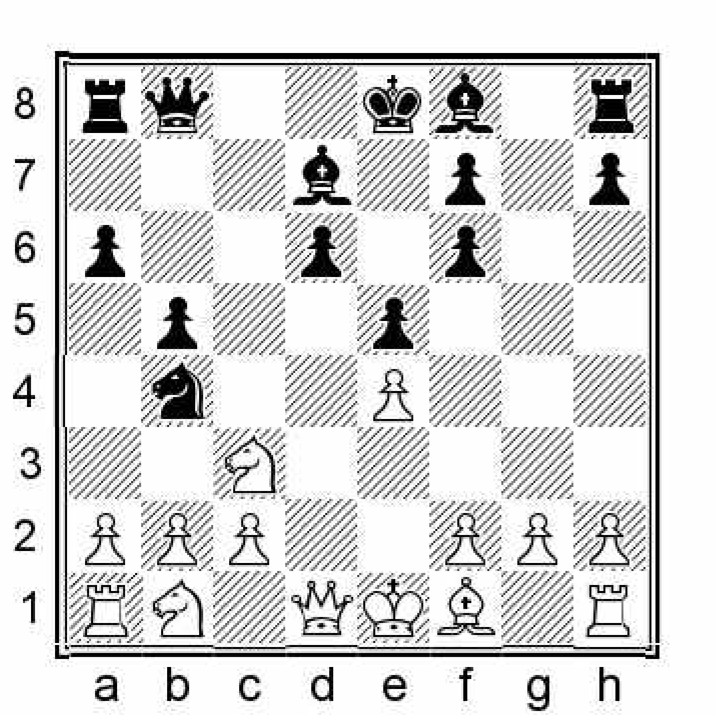
20.h6?

20.♕d2! e3 (20...♗c6 21.♕g5+ ♔h8 22.♖f1!+-; 20...♗e8 21.♕g5+ ♔h8 22.♕e5+ ♗g7 23.♕xe4+-) 21.♕xd7 ♕xe2 22.♕d1 ♕c4 23.♔b1 ♗h6 24.♕f3±

20...♕xe2 21.♕g3+ ♔h8 22.♕e5+ ♔g8 23.♕g5+ ♔h8 24.♕f6+ ♔g8 25.♕g5+ ♔h8 26.♕f6+ 1/2-1/2

64. B62
Mastrovasilis, Dimitrios (2621) - Fier, Alexandr (2573)
Italia 152/64, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d3 ♗d7 8.♘db5 ♘b4 9.♕d1 ♕b8 10.♗f4 e5 11.♗g5 a6 12.♘a3 b5 13.♗xf6 gxf6 14.♘ab1



14...d5!?N

14...♗g7 - 150/(54)

15.♘xd5

15.exd5 ♗f5 16.♗d3 ♘xd3+ 17.cxd3 ♖g8=∞

15...♘xd5 16.♕xd5

16.exd5 f5 17.♗e2 ♗g7 18.O-O O-O 19.♘d2 e4∓

16...♗b4+ 17.c3

17.♘d2?! ♕a7 18.♕d3 (18.a3 ♗c5 19.O-O-O ♗e6 20.♕d3 ♔e7∓) 18...♔e7∓; 17.♘c3 ♗xc3+ 18.bxc3 ♕c8 19.♕d2 ♕c5 20.♗e2 ♔e7 21.O-O ♖hd8=∞

17...♗e6 18.♕d3 ♗c5 19.♗e2 ♕b7 20.O-O

20.♘d2 ♖d8 21.♕c2 ♖g8 22.g3 ♔e7 23.O-O!? ♗h3 24.♘f3 ♗xf1 25.♖xf1=∞

20...♖g8 21.♘d2??

21.♔h1 ♖d8 22.♕c2 ♔e7 23.♘d2 ♕c6=∞

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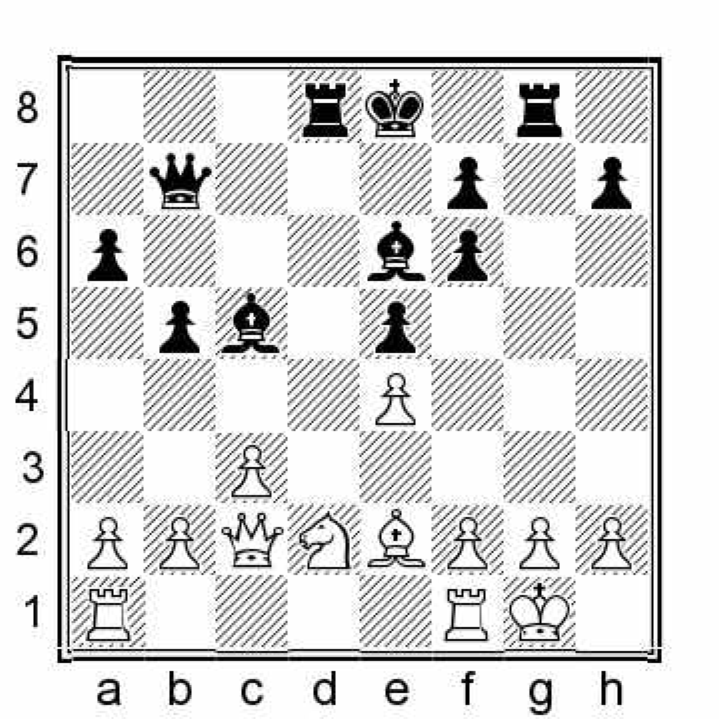


22...♖xd2! 23.♕xd2 ♕xe4 0-1

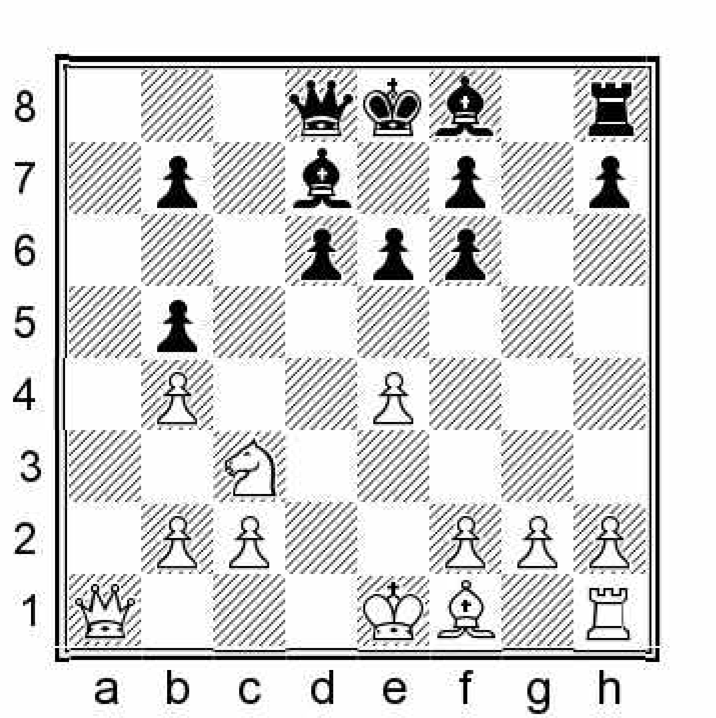
65. B62
Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2609) - Gupta, Abhijeet (2628)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/65, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d3 ♗d7 8.♘db5 ♘b4 9.♕d1 a6 10.♗xf6

10.a3 - 147/(52)

10...gxf6 11.a3 ♘xc2+

11...axb5 12.axb4 ♖xa1 13.♕xa1



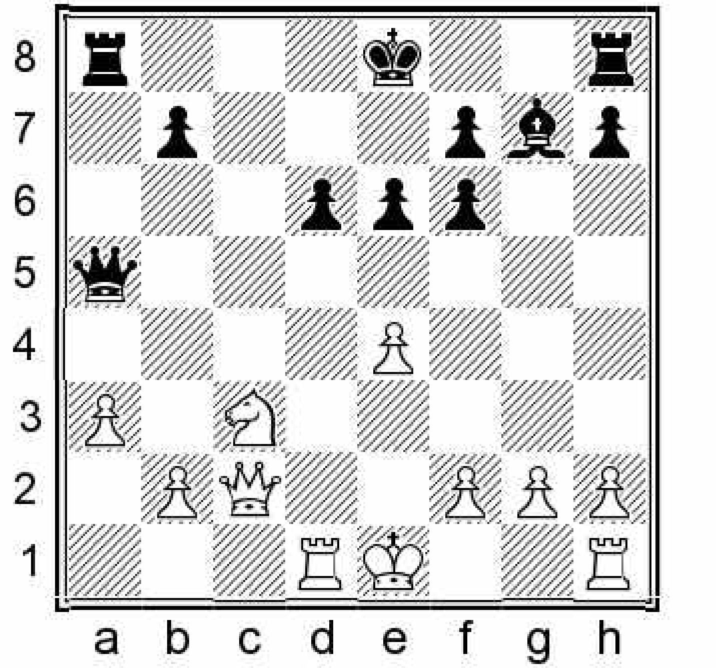
13...d5! 14.exd5 (14.♗xb5 ♗xb5 15.♘xb5 dxe4 16.O-O ♗e7 17.♖d1 ♕c8∞) 14...♗xb4 15.♗d3 (15.dxe6 ♗c6↑) 15...O-O 16.O-O (16.dxe6 ♗xe6 17.O-O ♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♗c4=) 16...♗xc3 17.bxc3 exd5∞

12.♕xc2 axb5 13.♗xb5 ♗xb5 14.♘xb5 ♕a5+ 15.♘c3 ♗g7N

15...♕a6 16.O-O-O ♗g7 17.♔b1 O-O 18.♖d3 ♖fc8 19.♖hd1 ♖c6 20.♕d2±

16.O-O

16.♖d1



16...f5! 17.O-O fxe4 18.♖xd6 (18.♘xe4 d5∞) 18...♕e5 19.♘xe4 (19.♖b6 e3 20.♖xb7 O-O∞)

19...♕xb2∞

16...O-O 17.♖ad1 ♖fc8?

17...♖fd8! 18.♖d3 (18.♖fe1 ♖ac8∞) 18...f5 19.♖g3 (19.♕d1 fxe4 20.♘xe4 ♗xb2 21.♘xd6 ♗g7=) 19...fxe4 20.♘xe4 ♕e5 21.f4 (21.♘g5 h6 22.♕h7+ ♔f8 23.♘xe6+ fxe6 24.♖e3 ♕xb2 25.♖f3+ ♔e7 26.♖g3 ♔f7 27.♖f3+ ♔e7=) 21...♕d4+ 22.♔h1 ♖ac8 23.♕b1∞

18.♖xd6 f5?

18...b5 19.♖fd1 ♖ab8 20.g3 b4 21.axb4 ♖xb4±

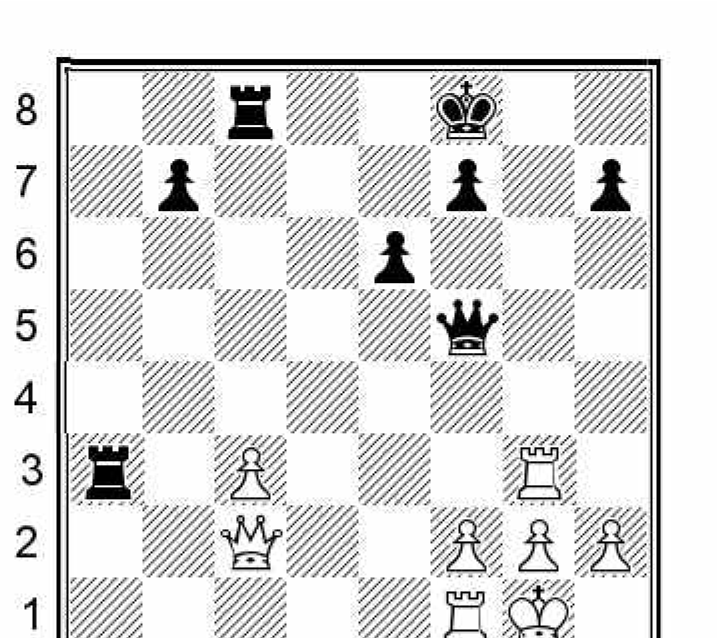
19.exf5 ♗xc3 20.bxc3

20.fxe6 ♗g7 21.exf7+ ♔h8∞

20...♕xf5

20...♕xc3? 21.♖d8+!+-; 20...♖xc3 21.♕d2 ♖xa3 22.♕xa5 ♖3xa5 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.♖xe6+-

21.♖d3! ♖xa3 22.♖g3+ ♔f8



23.♕d2!+- ♕c5

23...♔e7 24.♖d1 ♕d5 25.♖d3 ♕h5 26.♖d7+ ♔f6 27.♕d4++-

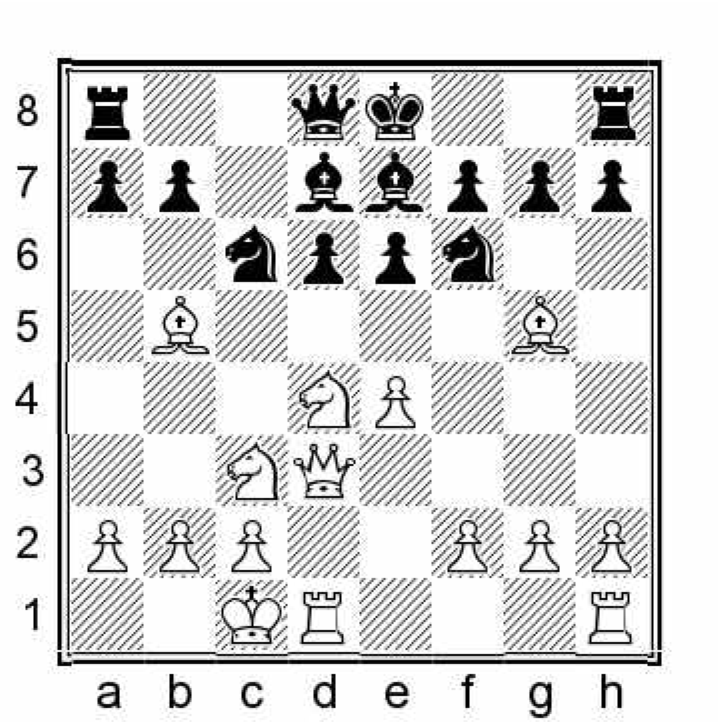
24.♕h6+ ♔e7 25.♕h4+ ♔d7 26.♖d1+ ♔c7 27.♕f4+ e5 28.♕xf7+ ♔b8 29.♖b1 ♕b6 30.♕xh7 ♖axc3 31.♖xc3 ♖xc3 32.♕h8+ 1-0

66. ** !N B62
Proudian, Armen (2418) - Krysa, Leandro Sergio (2525)
San Salvador 152/66, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♗b5!? ♗d7 8.♕d3 ♗e7

8...h6 9.♗h4 g5!? 10.♗xc6! bxc6 11.♗g3 ♘h5 12.O-O-O

9.O-O-O



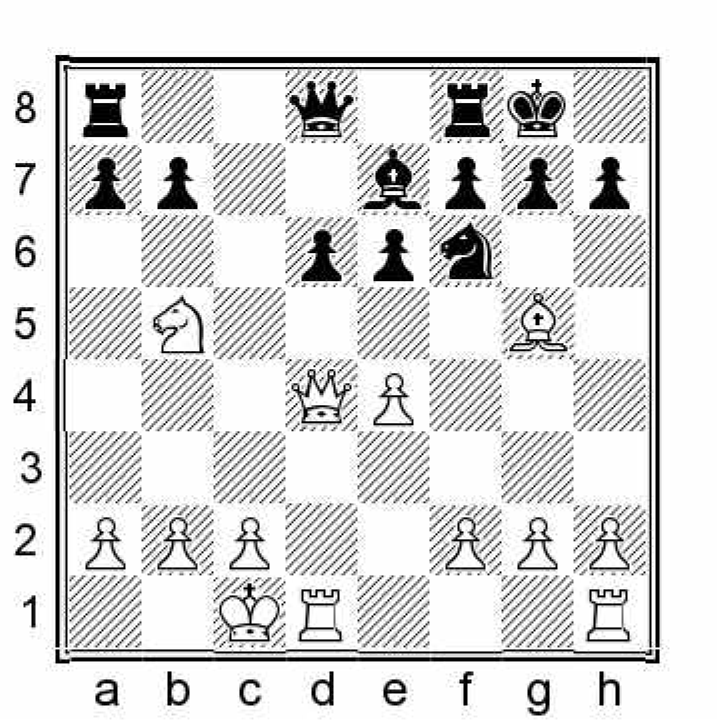
9...♘xd4!?

9...h6 - 149/57

10.♕xd4

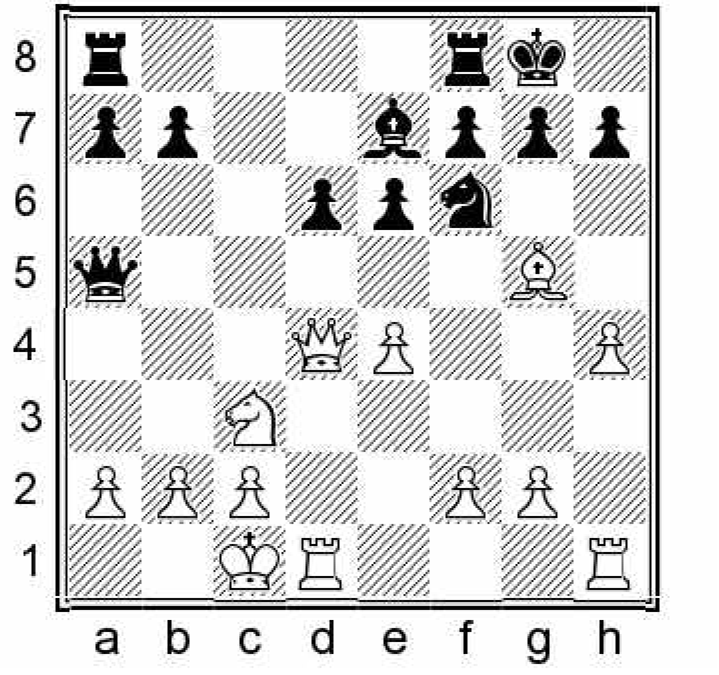
10.♗xd7+ ♘xd7 (10...♕xd7 11.♕xd4±) 11.♗xe7 ♔xe7! 12.♕xd4 ♕b6

10...♗xb5 11.♘xb5 O-O



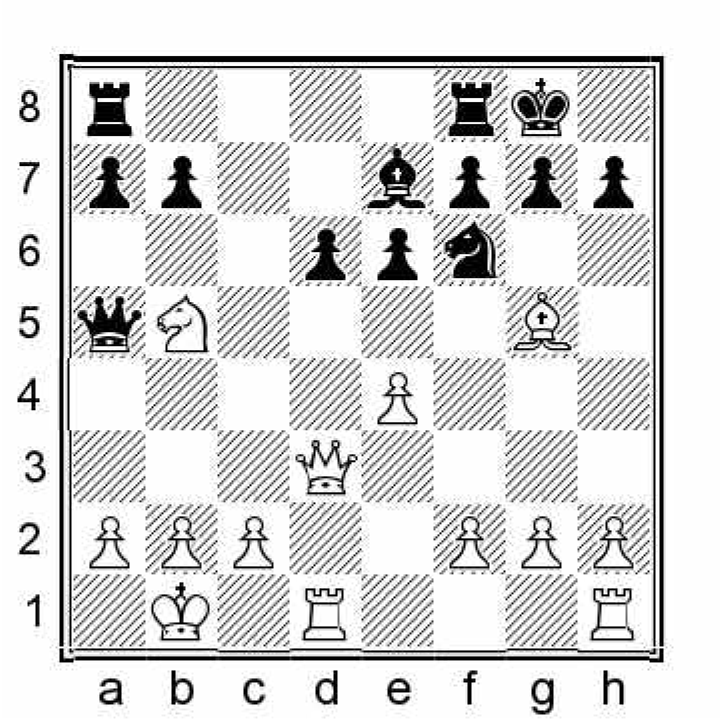
12.♔b1!N - 152/66

12.h4?! - 152/(66) 12...♕a5 13.♘c3



13...♖fc8N (13...h6) 14.♔b1 ♖c6 15.♕d2 ♖a6⇄ Popovic,D (2468)-Dardha,D (2532) Roquetas de Mar 152/(66) 2022

12...♕a5 13.♕d3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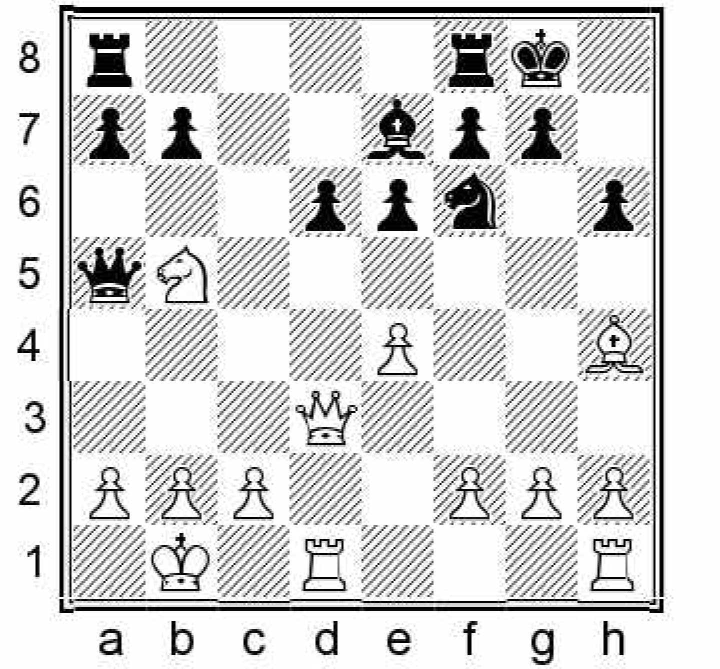
13...♖fd8?!N

13...h6 - 152/(66) 14.♗xf6 (14.♗h4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a b c d e f g h

14...g5! 15.♗g3 ♘xe4 16.♕xe4 ♕xb5 17.♗xd6 ♗xd6 18.♖xd6 ♖fd8=) 14...♗xf6 15.♘xd6 ♕b6= Beukes,D (2253)-Sriniaiyer,S (2209) Charlotte 152/(66) 2022

13...a6 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♘xd6 ♕b6 16.e5 (16.♘c4 ♕xf2) 16...♗xe5 17.♘c4 ♕c7 18.♘xe5 ♕xe5=

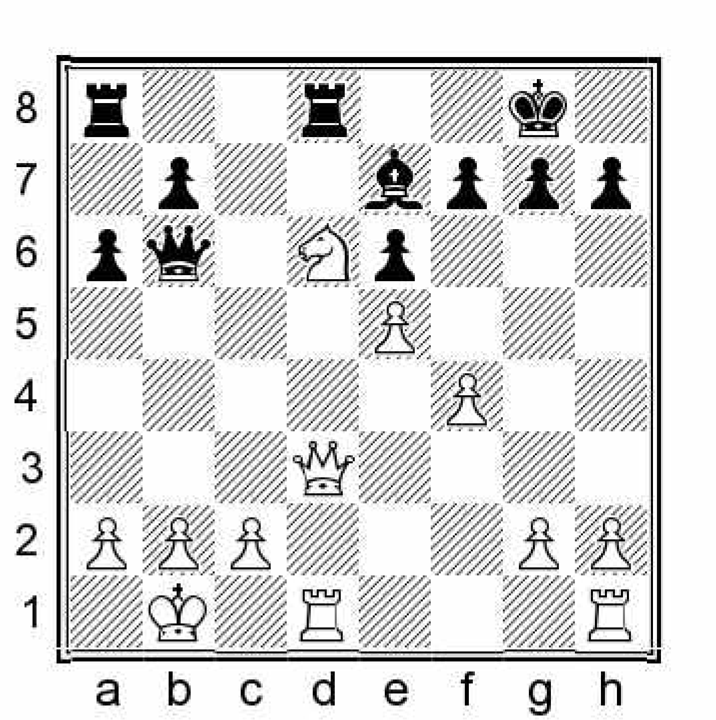
14.f4 a6?

14...♕b6±

15.♗xf6 ♗xf6

15...gxf6 16.♘d4+-

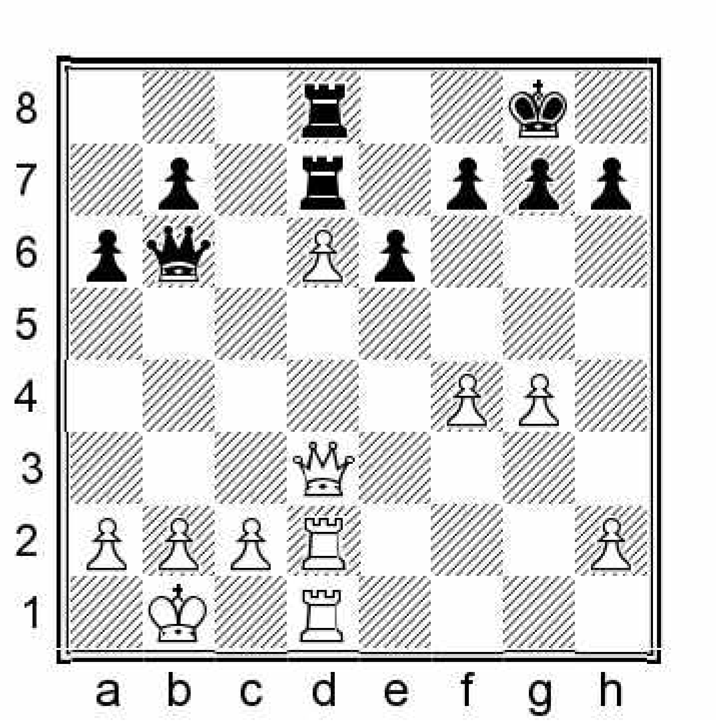
16.♘xd6+- ♕b6 17.e5 ♗e7



18.g4?

18.f5! exf5 19.♕d5 ♗xd6 20.exd6+-

18...♗xd6 19.exd6 ♖d7 20.♖d2 ♖ad8 21.♖hd1



21...h5!! 22.f5

22.gxh5 ♖xd6 23.♕xd6 ♖xd6 24.♖xd6 ♕f2=; 22.♕a3 hxg4=; 22.♕d4 ♕xd4 23.♖xd4 hxg4 24.c4±

22...exf5 23.gxf5 ♖xd6 24.♕xd6 ♖xd6 25.♖xd6 ♕f2 26.♖d8+ ♔h7 27.♖8d7 ♕xf5 28.♖xb7 ♕f2?!

28...h4!

29.b3?!

29.♖bd7!

29...♕xh2

29...h4

30.♖xf7 h4 31.c4 ♕e5

31...♕g2=

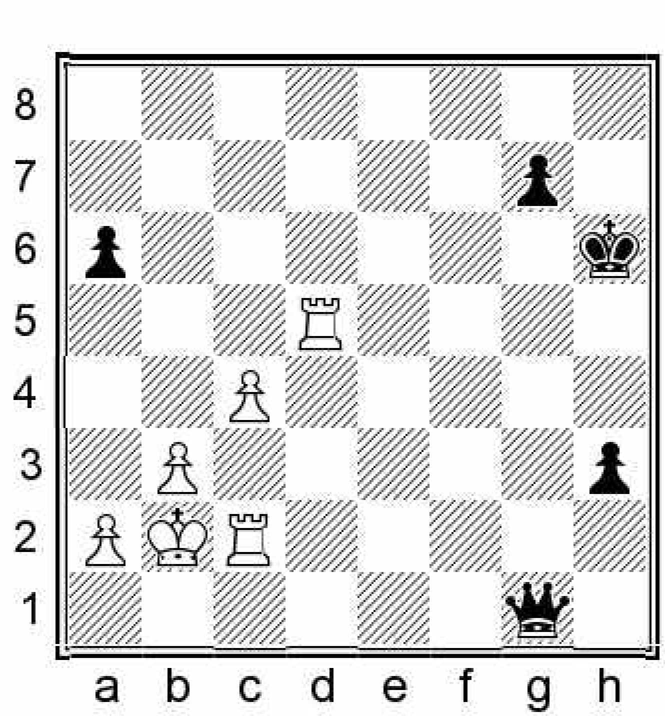
32.♖f2 ♔h6?

32...g5! 33.♖c2 ♕c5! (33...g4? 34.c5+-) 34.♖d5 ♕g1+ 35.♔b2 h3 36.♖dd2 ♕c5! (36...g4? 37.c5 g3 38.c6 h2 39.c7 h1=♕ 40.c8=♕ ♕b1+ 41.♔a3+-) 37.♖d5=

33.♖c2! ♕c5 34.♖d5 ♕g1+

34...♕c6!

35.♔b2 h3



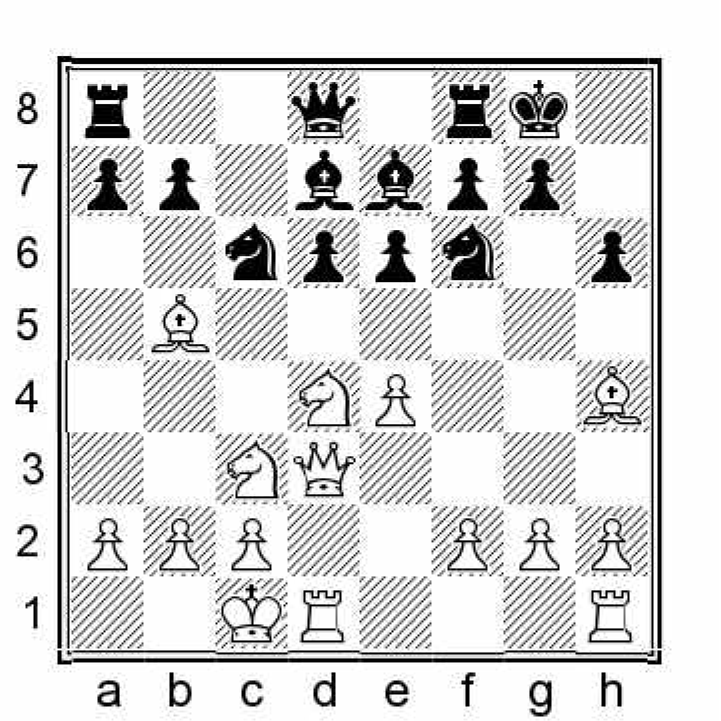
36.♖d3!+- ♕f1 37.♖dc3 g5 38.c5 g4 39.c6 ♕f5 40.c7 ♕c8 41.♖d2 1-0

67. B62
Han, Yichen (2303) - Gormally, Daniel (2471)
Daventry 152/67, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗b5

6.h4!? g6 7.♗e2 ♗g7 8.♗e3 h5∞

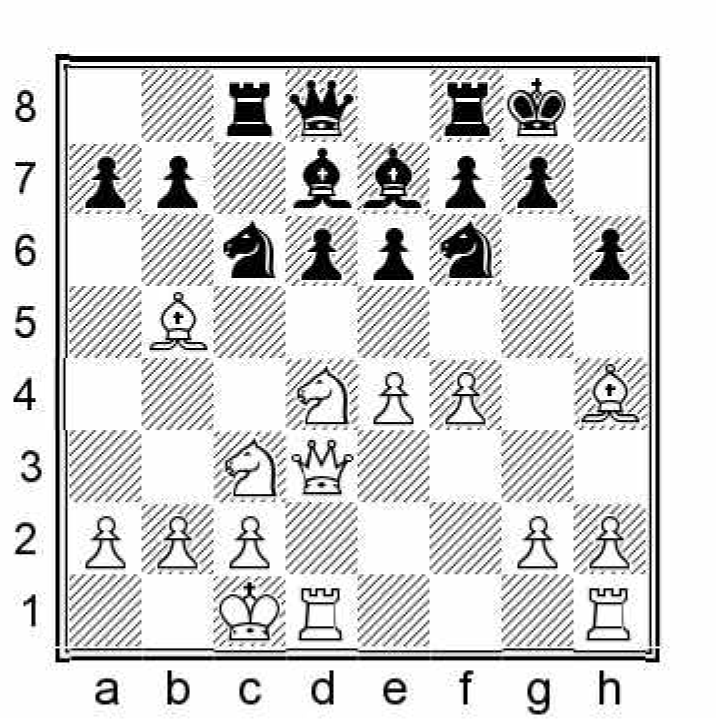
6...♗d7 7.♕d3 e6 8.♗g5 ♗e7 9.O-O-O h6 10.♗h4 O-O



11.f4

11.♗xc6! bxc6 12.♘b3 d5 (12...a5 13.♗xf6 gxf6 14.a4 (14.♕g3+ - 145/(53)) 14...♖b8 15.♕g3+ ♔h7 16.♖xd6! ♖g8 17.♕d3 ♗xd6 18.♕xd6 ♗e8 19.♕xd8 ♖xd8 20.g3±) 13.e5 ♘e8 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♕d4± - 145/(53)

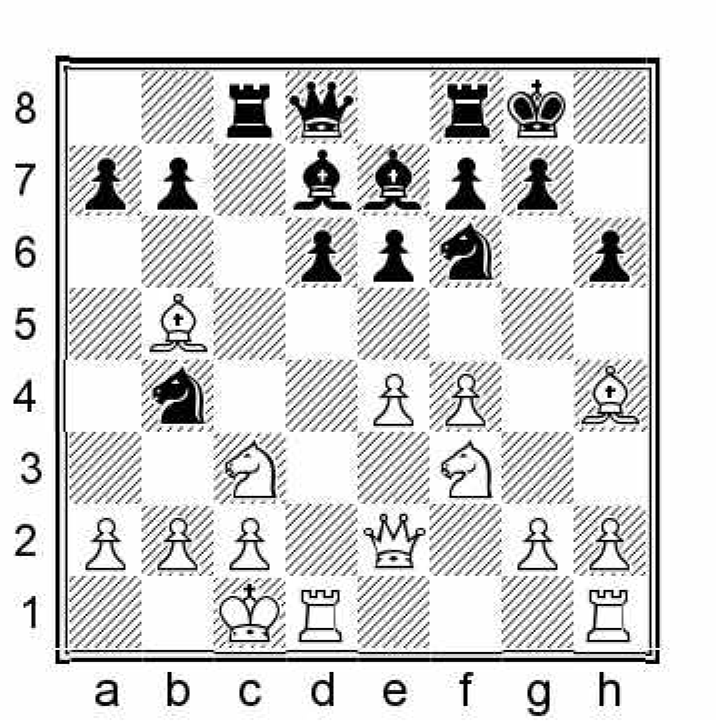
11...♖c8



12.♘f3?N

12.♗xc6 ♗xc6 13.g4!? (13.♖hg1!?) 13...♘xg4 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♖hg1 ♘f6 16.♕g3∞; 12.g4

12...♘b4! 13.♕e2

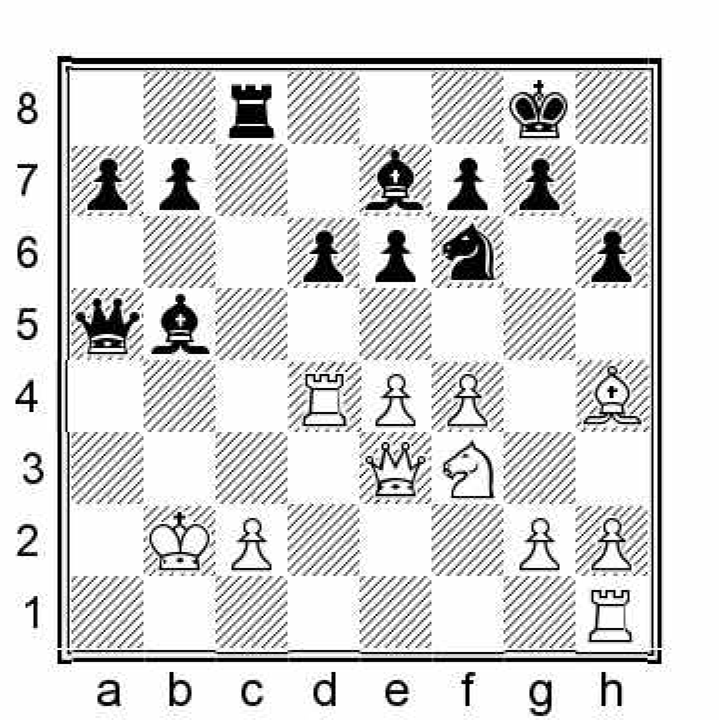


13.♕d4 ♘xa2+ 14.♘xa2 ♗xb5-+

13...♖xc3! 14.bxc3 ♘xa2+ 15.♔b2 ♘xc3! 16.♔xc3 ♕a5+ 17.♔b2 ♕b4+ 18.♔c1 ♕a3+ 19.♔b1 ♕b4+ 20.♔c1 ♗xb5

20...♕a3+? 21.♔b1=

21.♕e3 ♖c8 22.♖d4 ♕a5 23.♔b2



23...d5 24.e5

24.exd5 ♗b4! 25.♖xb4 ♕xb4+ 26.♕b3 ♖xc2+-+

24...♗b4-+ 25.♗e1 ♖xc2+

25...♖xc2+ 26.♔xc2 ♕a2+ 27.♔c1 ♕a1+ 28.♔c2 ♗a4+ 29.♔d3 ♕d1+ 30.♕d2 ♗c2+ 31.♔e3 ♘g4#

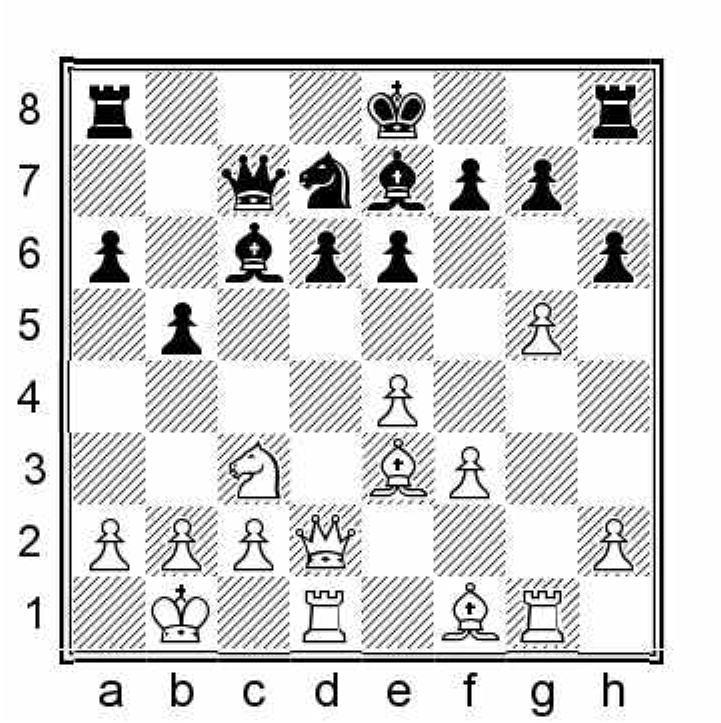
0-1

68. B67
Moussard, Jules (2651) - Vokhidov, Shamsiddin (2536)
Sharjah 152/68, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.f3 ♘xd4 10.♕xd4 ♗e7 11.♔b1 ♕c7 12.♕d2

12.g4 - 151/69

12...b5 13.g4 h6 14.♗e3 ♗c6 15.♖g1 ♘d7 16.g5



16...hxg5N

16...♘e5

17.♗xg5 g6 18.h4 ♘e5 19.♕g2

19.♖g3!? f6 20.♗e3 ♖xh4 21.f4 ♘g4 22.a3∞

19...b4 20.♘e2 ♗xg5 21.hxg5 d5 22.f4 ♘c4 23.♕f2 ♗b7

23...O-O-O∞

24.exd5

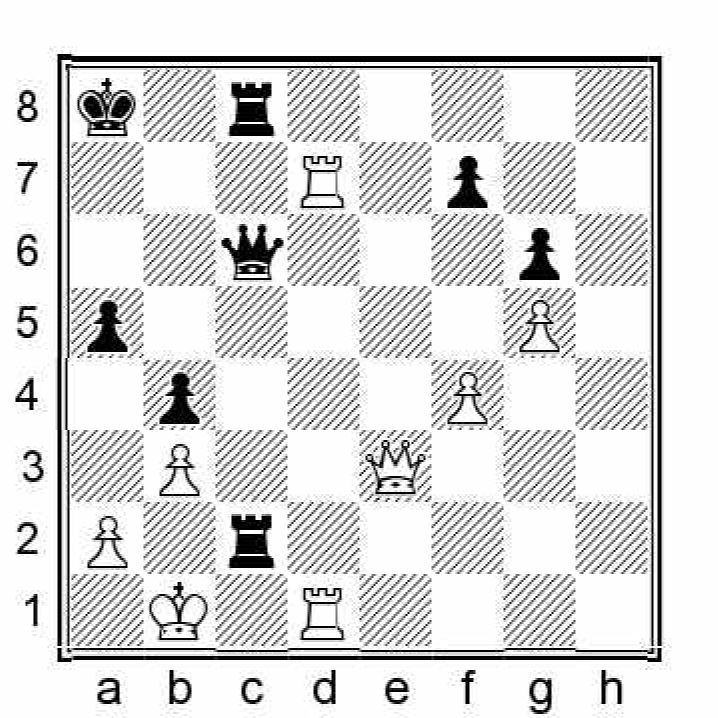
24.f5 ♖h2 25.♖g2 (25.♗g2 O-O-O∞) 25...♖xg2 26.♗xg2 ♕e5 27.♖d4 gxf5 28.exf5 exf5 29.♘f4 (29.♖xc4 dxc4 30.♗xb7 ♖d8∞) 29...♕e3 30.♕xe3+ ♘xe3 31.♖xb4 O-O-O∞

24...♗xd5 25.♘d4

25.♗g2 ♖h2 26.♕g3 ♖xg2 27.♖xg2 ♗xg2 28.♕xg2 ♖d8=

25...O-O-O 26.♗xc4 ♕xc4 27.♘b3 ♕c7 28.♖d4 a5 29.♖gd1 ♖d6 30.♘c1 ♖hd8 31.b3 ♖c6 32.♘d3 ♔b7 33.♘e5 ♖c5 34.♘c4 ♖c8 35.♘e3 ♕c6 36.♕d2 ♖c3 37.♖c1

37.♘xd5 exd5 38.♖xd5 ♖xc2 39.♖d7+ (39.♕e3 ♖c5=) 39...♔a8 40.♕e3



40...♖c1+! 41.♕xc1 (41.♖xc1 ♕xd7=) 41...♕e4+ 42.♔a1 ♖xc1+ 43.♖xc1 ♔b8=

37...♖c5 38.♖e1 ♔b8 39.♘xd5?!

39.a4±

39...exd5

39...♖xd5! 40.♖xd5 ♕xd5 41.♕xd5 (41.♕f2 ♕c5=) 41...exd5 42.♖e5 ♖c5=

40.♖e2 ♕d7 41.♕d1 ♕g4 42.♔b2 ♕f3 43.♕d3

43.a4 ♖d8 44.♔b1 ♖dc8 45.♕e1 ♖c3 46.♖f2 (46.♔b2 ♖3c5) 46...♕g3 47.♖xd5 ♖xb3+! 48.♔c1 ♕e3+ 49.♕xe3 ♖xe3 50.♔b2 ♖c4 51.♖xa5±; 43.♔b1 ♕h3 44.♖ed2 ♖d8±

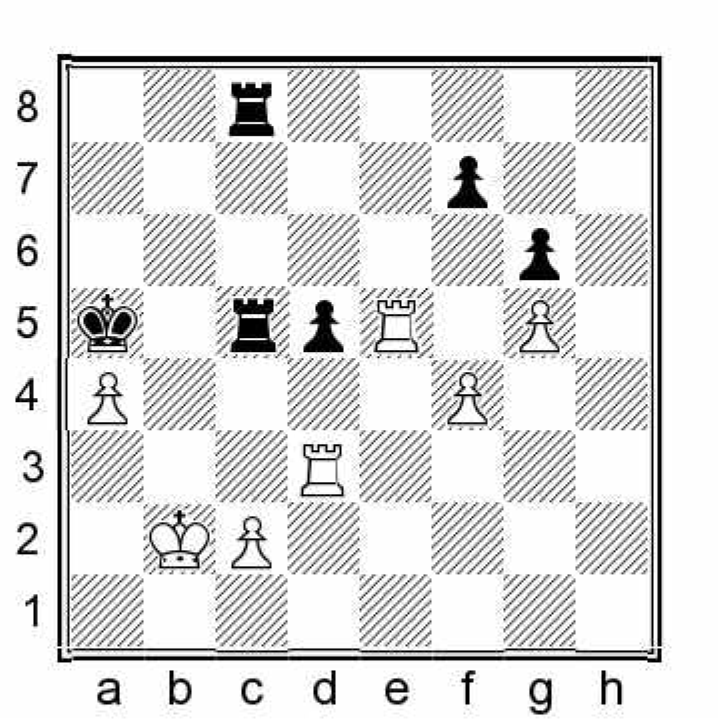
43...♕xd3 44.♖xd3 ♔c7 45.a3 bxa3+ 46.♔xa3 ♔b6 47.♔b2

47.♖e5 ♖xc2 48.♖dxd5 ♖8c5 49.♖xc5 ♖xc5 50.♖xc5 ♔xc5 51.♔a4 ♔b6=

47...a4 48.bxa4 ♔a5?!

48...♖c4 49.♖xd5 ♖xa4 50.f5 gxf5 51.♖xf5 ♖c5=

49.♖e5



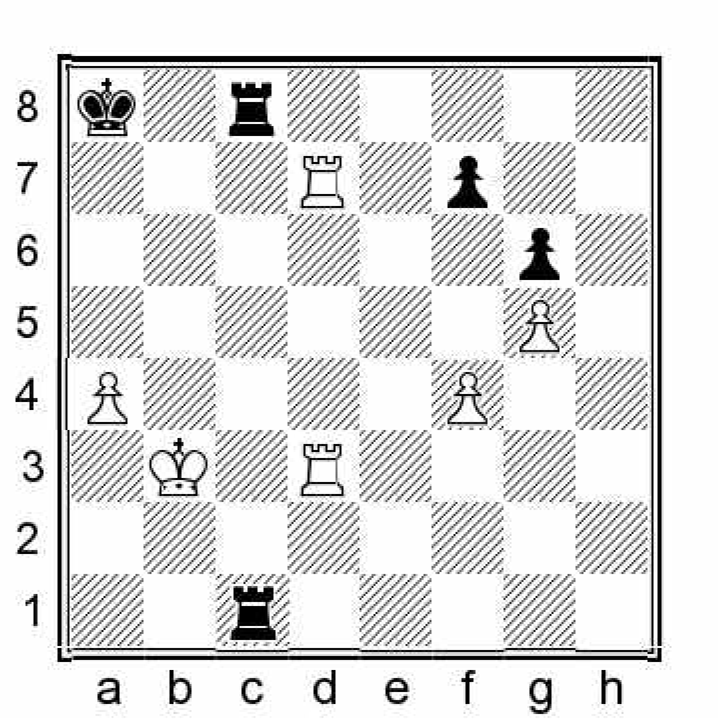
49...♖xc2+?

49...♔xa4 50.♖d4+ ♔b5 51.♖dxd5 ♖xd5 52.♖xd5+ ♔c4! 53.♖d7 (53.♖d6 ♖e8 54.♖f6 ♖e7=) 53...♖f8 54.♔c1 f5! 55.♖d6 (55.♖g7 ♔d4 56.♖xg6 ♔e4=) 55...♖g8 56.♔d2 ♔c5 57.♖a6 ♔d4=

50.♔b3+- ♔a6

50...♖8c5 51.♖exd5 ♖c3+ 52.♖xc3 ♖xd5 53.♖e3! ♖d4 54.♖e5+ ♔b6 55.f5 ♖g4 (55...gxf5 56.♖xf5 ♖g4 57.a5+ ♔c6 58.♔c3+-) 56.fxg6 fxg6 57.♖e6+ ♔a5 58.♖xg6 ♖b4+ 59.♔c3 ♖xa4 60.♔d3! ♔b5 61.♔e3 ♔c5 62.♔f3 ♔d5 63.♖f6 ♔e5 64.♖f8+-

51.♖exd5 ♖c1 52.♖d6+! ♔a7 53.♖d7+ ♔a8



54.♖d8!

54.♖xf7? ♖b8+ 55.♔a2 ♖cb1 56.♖d2 (56.♖f8 ♖xf8 57.♔xb1 ♖xf4=) 56...♖1b4=

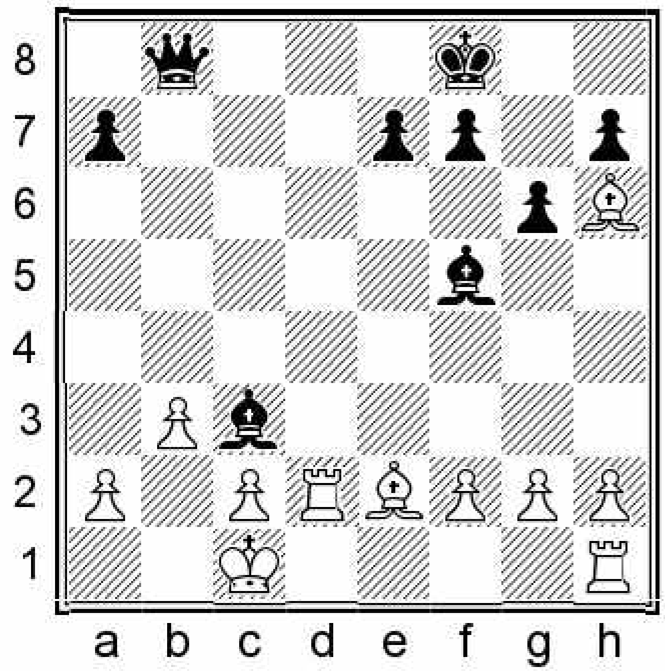
54...♔b8 55.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 56.♖d7 ♖f8 57.♔c4 1-0

69. B72
Shyam, Sundar M (2528) - Erigaisi, Arjun Kumar (2660)
Bangladesh 152/69, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗e2 g6 7.♗e3 ♗g7 8.♕d2 O-O 9.O-O-O d5 10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.♘xd5

12.♗d4 - 150/63

12...cxd5 13.♕xd5 ♕c7 14.♕xa8 ♗f5 15.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 16.♖d2 ♕b8 17.b3 ♗c3 18.♗h6+



18...♔g8N

18...♔e8? 19.♖d5 e5 (19...e6? 20.♗b5+ ♔e7 21.♗g5+ f6 22.♖d7+ ♔f8 23.♗h6+ ♔g8 24.♖hd1+-; 19...♗d7 20.♖hd1 ♗c6 21.♖d8+ ♕xd8 22.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 23.g3+-) 20.♖hd1 ♗d4 21.♗g5 f6 22.♗xf6 ♔f7 23.♖5xd4! exd4 24.♗xd4 ♕xh2 25.g3±

19.♖d5?!

19.♖dd1 ♕b6⯹; 19.♖hd1 ♗xd2+ 20.♖xd2⯹

19...♗e4 20.♖c5 ♗g7

20...♗xg2 21.♖d1 (21.♖xc3 ♗xh1 22.h4 ♗e4∓) 21...♗g7 22.♗e3 h5∓

21.♗e3

21.♗xg7 ♕f4+ 22.♔b2 (22.♔b1 ♕xf2 23.♖c4 ♔xg7 24.♖xe4 ♕xg2 25.♗f3 ♕xf3 26.♖he1 e6∓) 22...♕xf2 23.♖c3 ♔xg7 24.♗f3 ♗f5 25.♖d1 e5 26.♖c4 h5 27.♗d5 ♗g4 28.♖d3 ♔h6∓

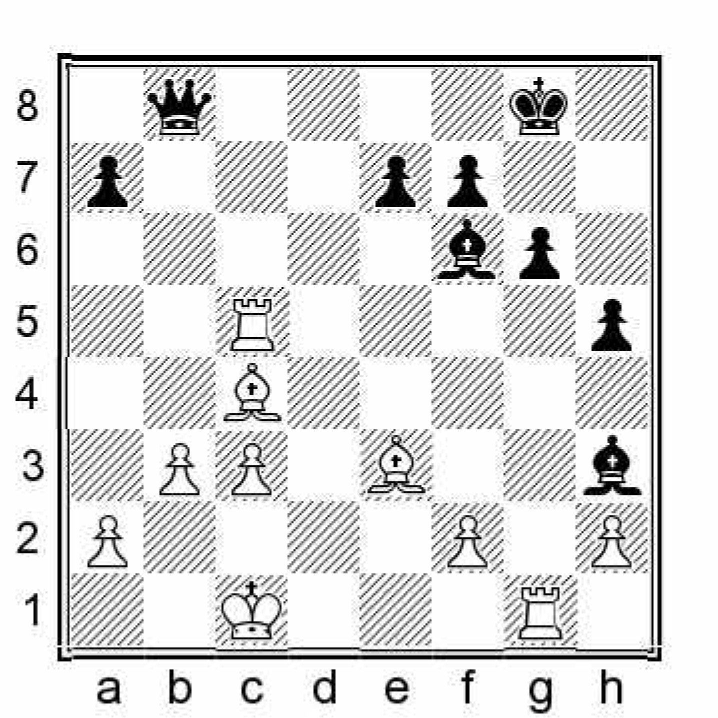
21...♗xg2 22.♗a6 ♗h3 23.c3 h5

23...♕d6? 24.♖d1! ♕xa6 25.♖d8+ ♗f8 26.♗h6 ♕f1+ 27.♔b2 ♕xf2+=; 23...♗e5!?

24.♗c4 ♗f6

24...♗xc3?! 25.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 26.♖xc3

25.♖g1



25.♔b2

25...♔h7! 26.♗xf7 ♗f5 27.f4?!

27.♖d1 ♕xh2 28.♔b2 h4∓

27...♕b7

27...♕d6!?

28.♖xf5 gxf5 29.♗g6+ ♔h8 30.♗xf5 ♕f3 31.♗d2?!

31.♔d2

31...♗xc3-+ 32.♗xc3+ ♕xc3+ 33.♔b1 ♕d2 34.h3 ♕xf4 35.♗g6 ♕e3 36.♖h1 h4 37.♗c2 ♕f3 38.♖h2 ♕g3 39.♖h1 ♕g2 40.♖e1 ♕xh3 41.♖xe7 ♕f1+ 0-1

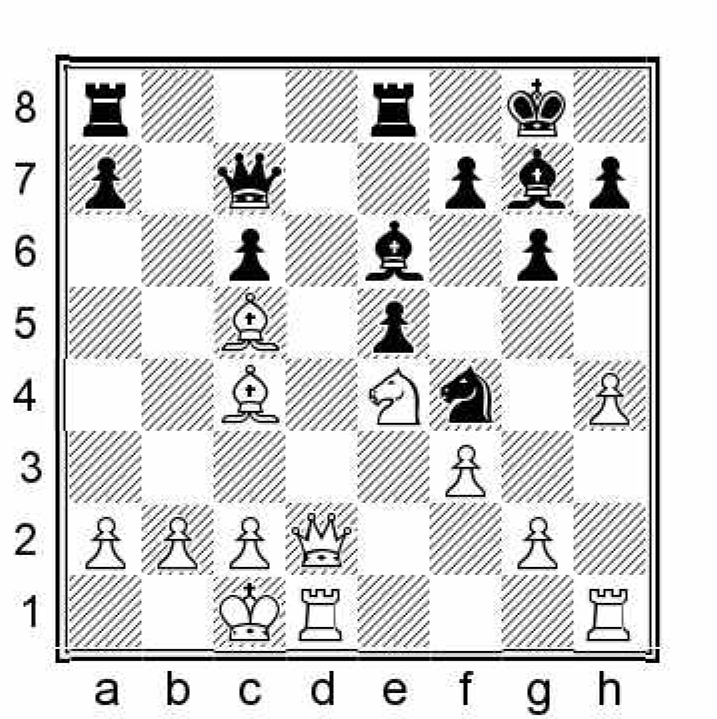
B75-B99

70. B76
Matviishen, Viktor (2507) - Theodorou, Nikolas (2577)
Dulles 152/70, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘c6 9.O-O-O d5 10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.♗d4 e5 13.♗c5 ♖e8 14.♘e4 ♕c7 15.♗c4

15.h4 - 150/65

15...♗e6 16.h4 ♘f4



17.♕c3N

17.♗d6; 17.♗xe6

17...♖ed8

17...♗xc4 18.♕xc4 ♖ad8 (18...♘xg2 19.h5 ♘f4 20.h6 ♗h8 21.♖d6±) 19.g4↑; ⌓17...♘xg2 18.h5⯹

18.g3 ♘d5 19.♕a3 h6

19...h5 20.♘g5 ♗f5 21.♖hg1±

20.h5 f5

20...g5!?

21.♘f2

21.hxg6 fxe4 22.fxe4 ♕b7 (22...♖ab8 23.♗b3±) 23.♕d3 ♖ab8 24.b3±

21...gxh5

21...g5!?

22.♖he1?!

22.♖xh5!?; 22.♗b3!?

22...♕f7?!

22...♔h7!?; 22...a5!?

23.♘d3 ♘b6 24.♗b3 ♗xb3 25.axb3 ♖e8∞ 26.f4 ♘d7

⌓26...e4 27.♘e5 (27.♘b4 ♖ac8↑) 27...♗xe5 28.fxe5 ♘d7 29.♖d6⩱

27.fxe5 ♘xe5 28.♘f4 ♘d7

28...♘f3!?

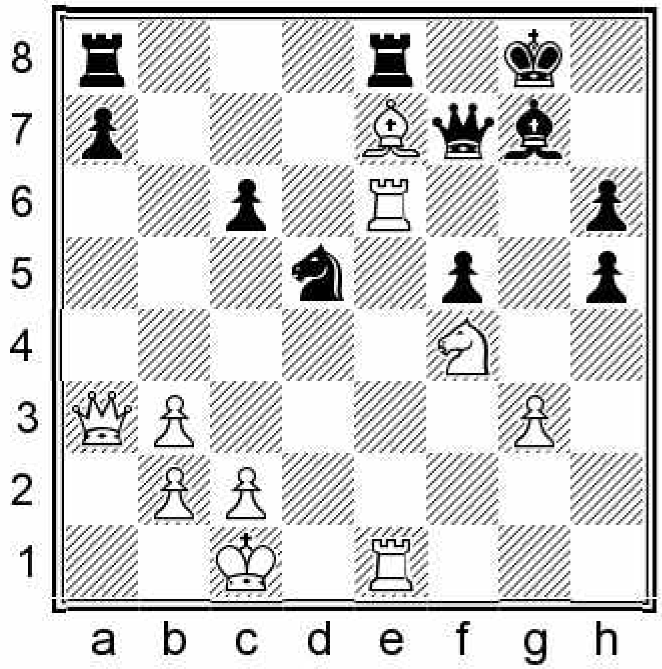
29.♗e7?!

29.♗b4; 29.♖h1

29...♘f6 30.♖e6?

30.♗xf6 ♖xe1 31.♖xe1 ♕xf6∞

30...♘d5! 31.♖de1



31...♘xf4?

31...h4! 32.♘xd5 (32.♗xh4? ♖xe6 33.♖xe6 ♗f8 34.♕a4 ♘xf4 35.♖f6 ♕d5-+) 32...cxd5 33.gxh4 f4 34.♕d6 f3 35.♖f1 (35.♕xd5 f2 36.♖f1 ♖ad8!-+) 35...♖ab8 36.♖e3 ♖b6! 37.♕d7 ♖f6-+

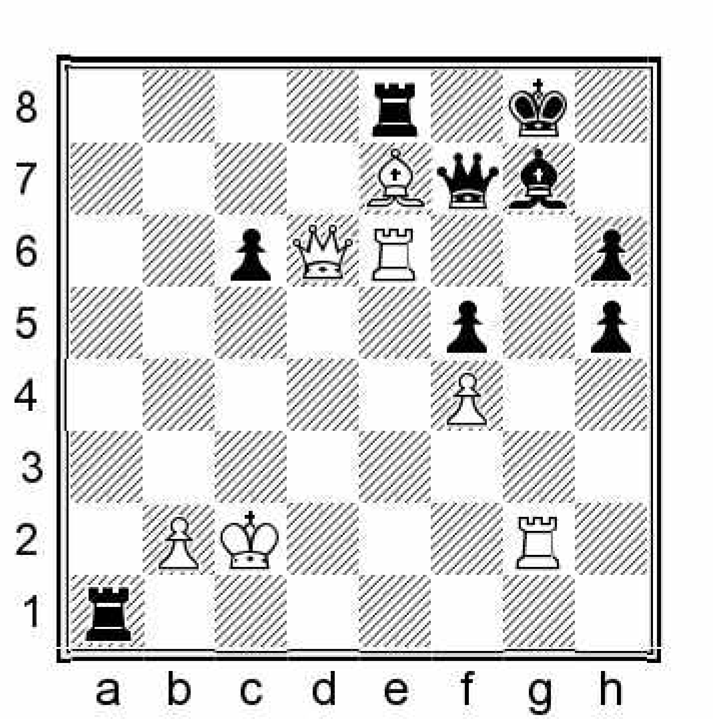
32.gxf4 a5

32...♖ad8!?; 32...h4!?

33.♕d6 a4 34.♖g1?

34.♗f6 ♖xe6 (34...♗xf6 35.♖g1+□ ♗g7□ 36.♖eg6 ♖a7 (36...♖ad8 37.♕xc6 ♔h8 38.♖xh6+ ♔g8 39.♖hg6=; 36...axb3 37.♖xg7+ ♕xg7 38.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 39.♕c7+ ♔h8 40.♕xc6=) 37.♖xg7+ ♕xg7 38.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 39.bxa4 h4=) 35.♖xe6 ♖e8 36.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 37.♗xg7 ♔xg7 38.bxa4 h4=; 34.b4=

34...axb3 35.♖g2 ♖a1+ 36.♔d2 bxc2 37.♔xc2



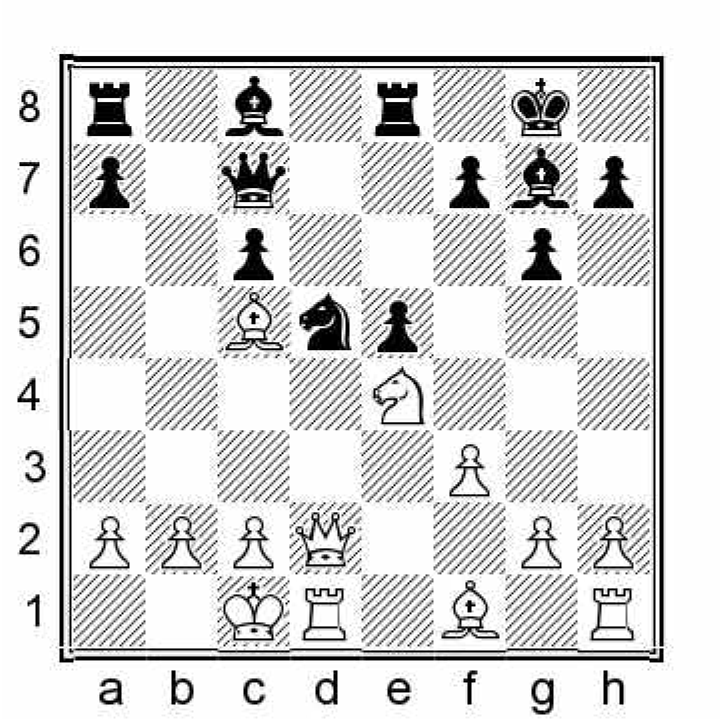
37...♖a7?

37...♔h7!-+

38.♖xg7+! ♕xg7 39.♖g6 ♖exe7 40.♕f6= h4 41.♕xf5 ♖f7 42.♕g4 ♖ab7 43.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 44.♕xh4 ♖g2+ 45.♔c3 ♖gxb2 46.♕xh6 ♖2b3+ 47.♔c4 ♖3b4+ 48.♔c5 ♖4b5+ 49.♔d6 ♖f7 50.♕g6+ 1/2-1/2

71. B76
Ortiz Suarez, Isan Reynaldo (2531) - Quesada Perez, Luis Ernesto (2515)
Cuba (ch) 152/71, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 ♘c6 8.♕d2 O-O 9.O-O-O d5 10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.♗d4 e5 13.♗c5 ♖e8 14.♘e4 ♕c7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15.♔b1?!N

15.♗c4 - 152/70

15...♖d8

⌓15...f5 16.♘c3 (16.♘d6? ♖d8 17.♘xc8? ♘c3+-+) 16...♗e6 17.♗c4 ♖ad8 (17...♖ed8 - 15...Rd8) 18.♗b3 h6∓

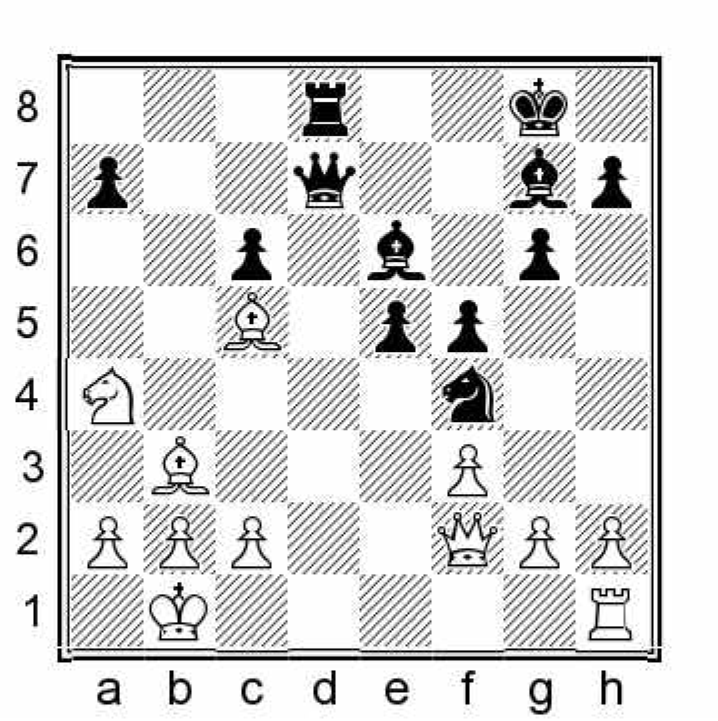
16.♗c4 f5 17.♘c3 ♗e6 18.♗b3 ♖d7

18...♗f7=; 18...h5!?

19.♘a4! ♖ad8 20.♕f2 ♘f4

20...e4!?; 20...h6!?

21.♖xd7 ♕xd7



⌓21...♖xd7

22.♗e3! ♗xb3

22...♗f7 23.♘c5 ♕e7 24.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 25.♘b3±

23.axb3 a5

23...♖e8!?

24.♖e1

24.♘b6 ♕e6 25.♗xf4 (25.♗d2 ♘d5 26.♗xa5 ♖e8⯹ ∆ e4) 25...exf4 26.♖e1 ♕d6 27.♕e2±

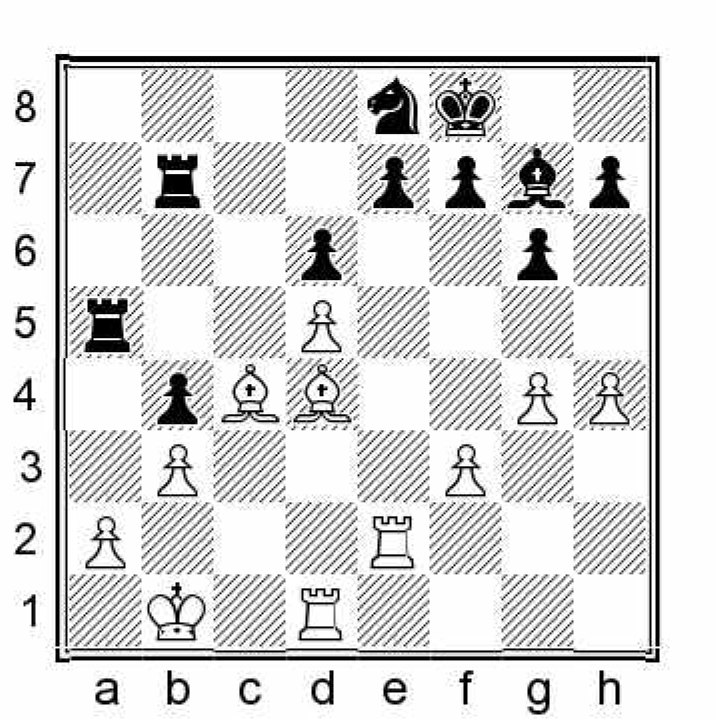
24...♘d5± 1/2-1/2

72. B77
Navara, David (2700) - Can, Emre (2578)
Terme Catez 152/72, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♘ge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♗c4 O-O 8.♗b3 d6 9.f3 ♕a5 10.♕d2 ♘xd4 11.♗xd4 ♗e6 12.O-O-O b5 13.♔b1 b4 14.♘d5 ♗xd5 15.exd5 ♕b5 16.♖he1 a5 17.♕e2 ♕xe2 18.♖xe2 a4 19.♗c4 ♖fc8 20.b3 ♖c7

20...♔f8 - 4/519

21.♗b5 axb3 22.cxb3 ♖a5 23.♗c4 ♖b7 24.g4 ♔f8 25.h4 ♘e8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26.♗e3N

26.♗xg7+ ♔xg7=

26...♘c7 [Δ Nb5] **27.♖c2**

27.♖d3 ♘b5 28.♗xb5 ♖bxb5 29.♗d2 ♖a8 30.♖e4 ♖ab8=

27...♔e8

27...f5!?

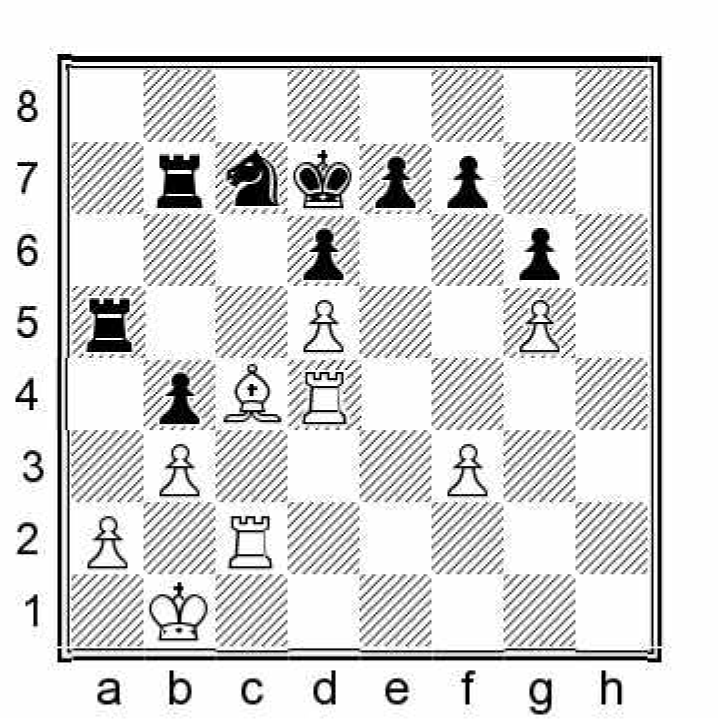
28.♗d4

28.g5 ♘b5 29.♗xb5+ ♖bxb5 30.♖cd2 ♔d7=

28...♗xd4 29.♖xd4 h6 30.g5 hxg5

30...h5 31.f4 ♔d7 32.♖e2 ♖b8 33.♖de4 ♖e8=

31.hxg5 ♔d7



32.♖cd2

32.♔b2 ♖ba7 (32...e5 33.dxe6+ ♘xe6 34.♗xe6+ ♔xe6 35.f4 ♖ba7 36.♔b1 ♖b7=) 33.♔b1 ♖b7=

32...♘b5

32...♖b8 33.♖h2 (33.♖e4 ♖h8 34.♖de2 ♖e8 35.♖d2 ♖h8=) 33...e5 (33...♘b5 34.♗xb5+ ♖bxb5=) 34.dxe6+ ♘xe6 35.♗xe6+ fxe6 36.♖c4 ♖c5 37.♖h6 ♖xc4 38.bxc4 ♖f8 39.♖xg6 ♖xf3=

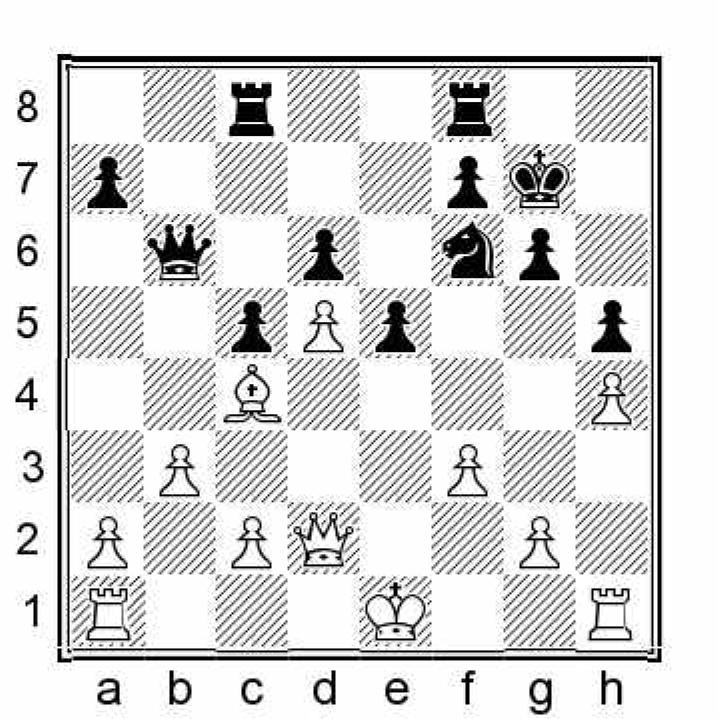
33.♗xb5+ ♖bxb5 34.♔b2 ♔d8 35.♖d1 ♔d7 36.♖1d2 ♔d8 1/2-1/2

73. B77
Kadric, Denis (2576) - Erigaisi, Arjun Kumar (2675)
Sharjah 152/73, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♘ge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♗c4 O-O 8.♗b3 d6 9.f3 ♗d7 10.h4 h5 11.♕d2 ♖c8 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♗h6 c5 14.♗c4 ♕b6 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.b3 ♗e6 17.♘d5?!

17.♖b1

17...♗xd5 18.exd5 e5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19.a4N

19.dxe6?! - 64/218

19...♕b4! 20.a5

20.c3 ♕a5∓

20...e4

20...♖fe8!?

21.c3

21.♕xb4 cxb4 22.♔f2 ♘d7↑

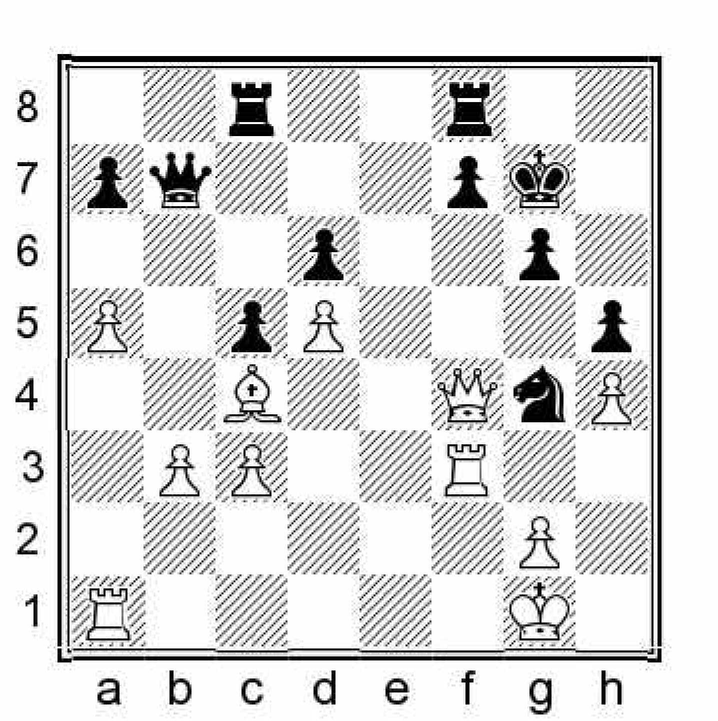
21...♕b7 22.O-O exf3 23.♕f4

23.gxf3 ♖fe8∓

23...♘g4

23...♕c7!?

24.♖xf3?!



24.gxf3 ♘e5 25.♖fe1 ♖fe8∓

24...♕e7!∓ 25.♕g3 ♕d7! 26.♖ff1?!

26.♕f4

26...♖ce8! 27.♖ae1 ♖xe1

27...♕d8!?

28.♖xe1 ♖e8 29.♖e2 ♖e5! 30.♖xe5

30.b4!?

30...♘xe5-+ 31.♗e2 ♕f5 32.c4 ♔h7 33.♗f1

33.♗d1 ♕b1 34.♕e1 ♘g4

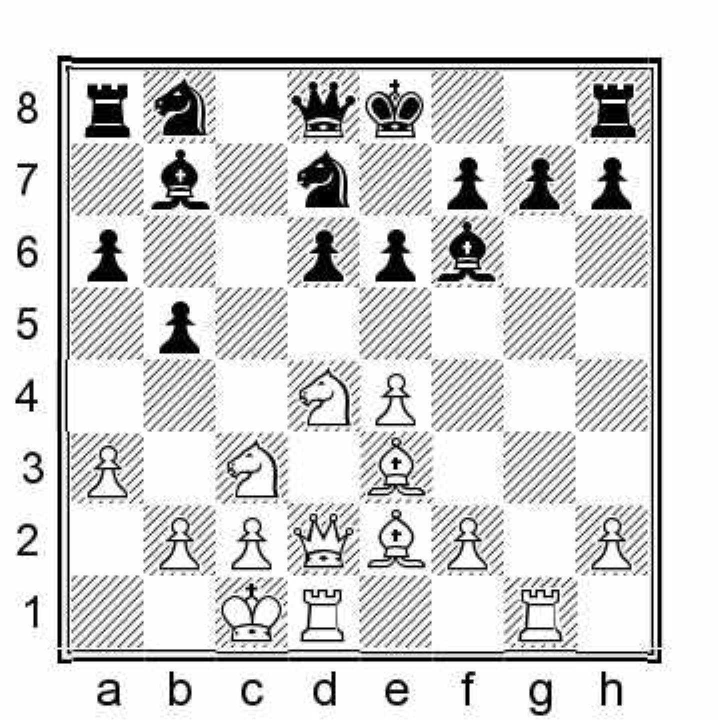
33...♕c2 34.♕e3 a6 35.♗e2 ♕a2 0-1

74. B84
Nasuta, Grzegorz (2518) - Areshchenko, Alexander (2670)
Terme Catez 152/74, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.g4 b5 9.g5 ♘fd7 10.a3 ♗xg5 11.♕d2 ♗f6

11...♗xe3 - 147/62

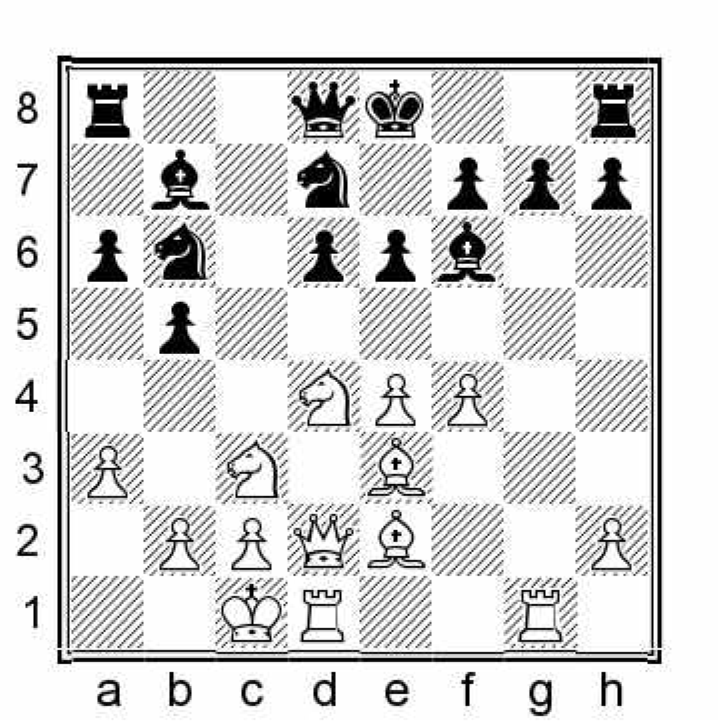
12.O-O-O ♗b7 13.♖hg1



13...♘b6N

13...♘c5?; 13...g6; 13...O-O

14.f4 ♘8d7



15.♘xe6!

15.♘f3!? ♕c7 (15...O-O 16.e5! ♗e7 (16...dxe5 17.fxe5 ♘xe5 18.♕xd8 ♖axd8 19.♖xd8 ♖xd8 20.♘xe5 ♗xe5 21.♗xb6+-) 17.f5! dxe5 (17...exf5 18.♗d4! ♔h8 (18...g6 19.♕h6 ♗xf3 20.e6! ♗f6 21.♗xf3 ♗xd4 22.♖xd4+-) 19.♕f4 ♗xf3 20.♗xf3+-) 18.fxe6 ♘c5 (18...fxe6 19.♘g5 ♗xg5 20.♗xg5 ♕e8 21.♗h6 ♖f7 22.♗h5 g6 23.♗xg6! hxg6 24.♖xg6+ ♔h7 25.♗g7! ♖f4 26.♖g5+-) 19.exf7+ ♖xf7

20.♘xe5 ♕xd2+ 21.♖xd2 ♖f5 22.♘d3±) 16.♕xd6 ♕xd6 17.♖xd6 ♘c8 (17...♘c4 18.♗xc4 bxc4 19.♖gd1±) 18.♖d2 ♗xc3 19.bxc3±

15...fxe6 16.♕xd6 ♕e7 17.♗xb6

17.e5!? ♕xd6 (17...♘d5? 18.♘e4+-) 18.♖xd6 ♗e7 19.♖xe6 g6 20.♗xb6 ♘xb6 21.♖xb6 ♗c5 22.♖xb7 ♗xg1 23.♘e4 O-O 24.♘f6+ ♖xf6 25.exf6±

17...♘xb6

⌓17...♕xd6 18.♖xd6 ♘xb6 19.♖xe6+ ♔f8 20.♖xb6 ♗d4 21.♖xb7 ♗xg1±

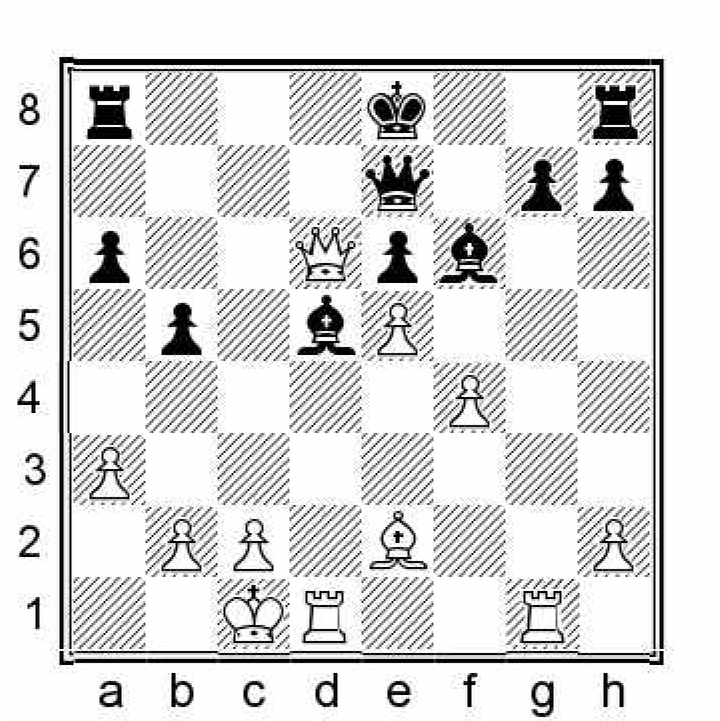
18.e5?

18.♕xb6 ♗xc3 19.bxc3 O-O 20.♗g4 ♖ae8 21.♖d6 ♗xe4 22.♗xe6+ ♔h8 23.♔b2±

18...♘d5

18...♕xd6 19.♖xd6 ♗e7 20.♗h5+ g6 21.♖xb6 ♗c5∞

19.♘xd5 ♗xd5



20.♖xd5!?

20.♕b6 O-O 21.exf6 ♕xf6=

20...exd5 21.♕c6+ ♔f7 22.♕xd5+ ♕e6 23.♕b7+?

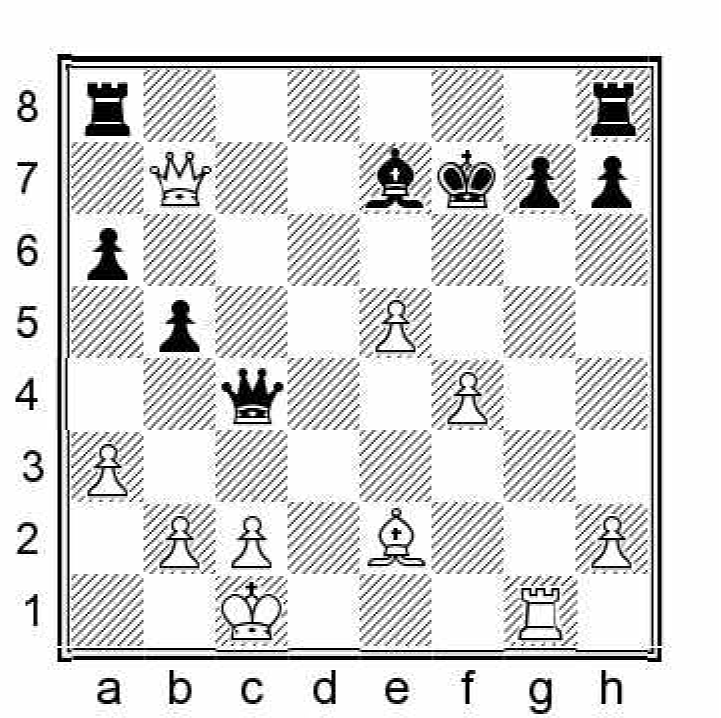
23.♕g2 ♖hd8 24.♗d3=∞; 23.♖xg7+!? ♗xg7 24.♕b7+ ♔f8 (24...♔g6 25.♕g2+ ♔f7=) 25.♕xa8+ ♔e7 (25...♕e8 26.♕xa6=∞) 26.♕a7+ ♕d7 27.♕g1 ♔d8 28.♔b1=∞

23...♗e7 24.♗g4

24.♕g2

24...♕c4 25.f5

25.♗e2!?



25...♕c5! (25...♕xe2? 26.♖xg7+ (26.♕d5+=) 26...♔xg7 27.♕xe7+ ♔g8 28.♕e6+ ♔f8 29.♕f6+ ♔e8 30.♕e6+ ♔d8 31.♕d6+ ♔c8 32.♕c6+=) 26.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 27.♕g2+ ♔f7 28.♗h5+ ♔f8 29.♕xa8+ ♔g7 30.♕g2+ ♔h6 31.♕h3 ♖f8-+

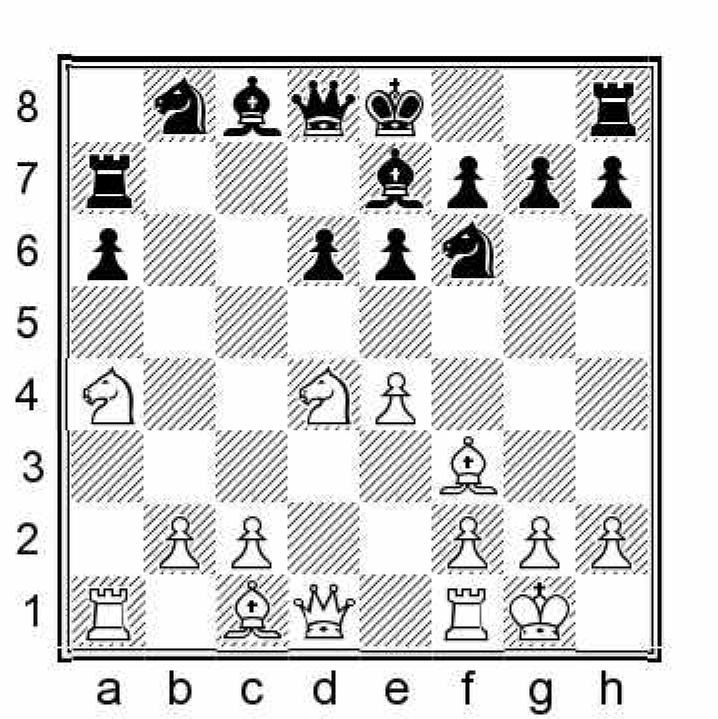
25...♖hc8-+ 26.♔b1 ♕xc2+ 27.♔a1 ♕c6 28.♗f3 ♕xb7 29.♗xb7 ♖d8 30.♗xa8 ♖xa8 31.♖c1 ♖d8 0-1

75. B84
Sevian, Samuel (2684) - Nyzhnyk, Illya (2674)
Saint Louis (m/2-rapid) 152/75, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.O-O b5 8.♗f3 ♖a7 9.a4 bxa4?!

9...b4 - 90/197

10.♘xa4 ♗e7



11.♗e3N

11.c4

11...♖c7 12.♗d2

12.♘b3 ♘fd7

12...♖a7 13.♗e3 ♖d7 14.♘b3 O-O

⌓14...♗b7

15.♗b6 ♕e8 16.♘a5!± ♗d8 17.c4 ♕e7 18.b4

18.♕b3

18...♗xb6 19.♘xb6 ♖c7 20.b5

20.♕d2!? ♘fd7 (20...♘bd7? 21.♘a8+-) 21.♘xd7 ♘xd7 22.♖fd1 ♘e5 23.♗e2 ♖d7 24.♕d4±

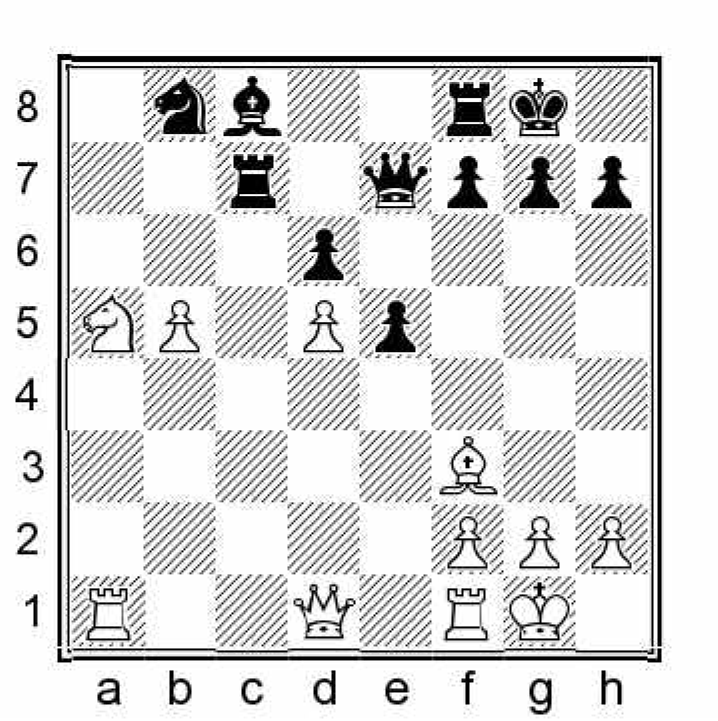
20...e5 21.♘d5

21.♕d3!?; 21.♕d2!?

21...♘xd5 22.exd5

22.♕xd5!?

22...axb5 23.cxb5



23...♖c5?!

23...♘d7

24.♘c6?!

24.♕b3

24...♕b7?!

24...♘xc6 25.bxc6 e4 26.♖e1 f5±

25.♗e2 ♕b6 26.♖a8

26.♖c1!?

26...♘d7 27.♘e7+ ♔h8 28.♖xc8?

28.♘xc8 ♖cxc8 (28...♖fxc8 29.♖a6 ♕b8 30.♗g4 ♕xb5 31.♖xd6 ♖8c7 32.h4±) 29.♖a6 ♕b8 30.♖c6±

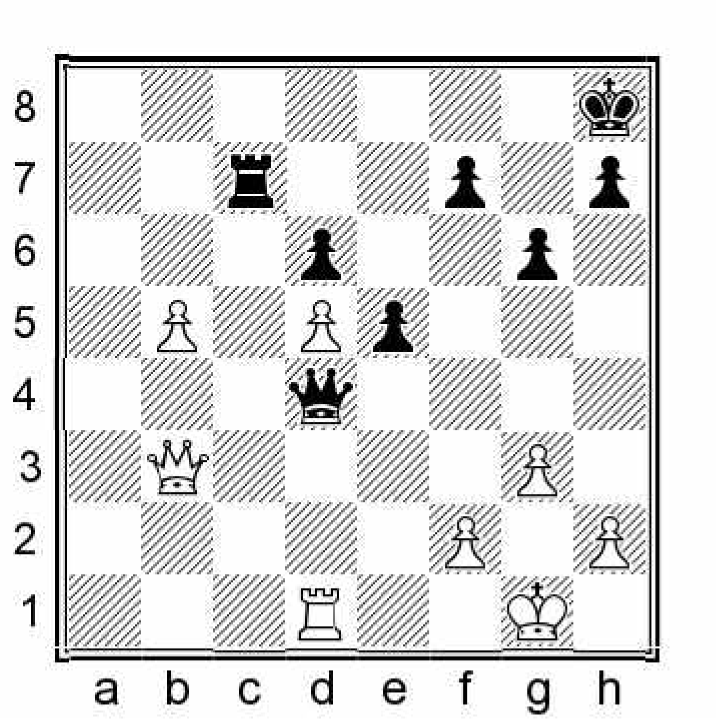
28...♖fxc8 29.♘xc8 ♖xc8= 30.♗g4?

30.♕d2

30...♖c7?

30...♕xb5∓

31.♗xd7 ♖xd7 32.♕b3 ♖c7 33.♖a1= g6 34.g3 ♕d4 35.♖d1?



35.♖b1=

35...♖c3! 36.♕b1 ♕b6?!

36...♕a4∓; 36...♕c4∓

37.♕b2?!

37.♖d3

37...♖c5?!

37...♕c5!

38.♖b1! ♔g7

38...♖xd5 39.♕a2 (39.♕b3 ♕b7□ 40.♕f3 e4! 41.♕c3+ ♔g8 42.b6 ♖d3 43.♕c4=∞) 39...♖xb5□ 40.♖xb5 ♕xb5 41.♕xf7 ♕b1+ 42.♔g2 ♕e4+=

39.♕b3= f5 40.h4 h6 41.♕d3 ♔f6 42.♕e3 g5?!

42...♔g7=

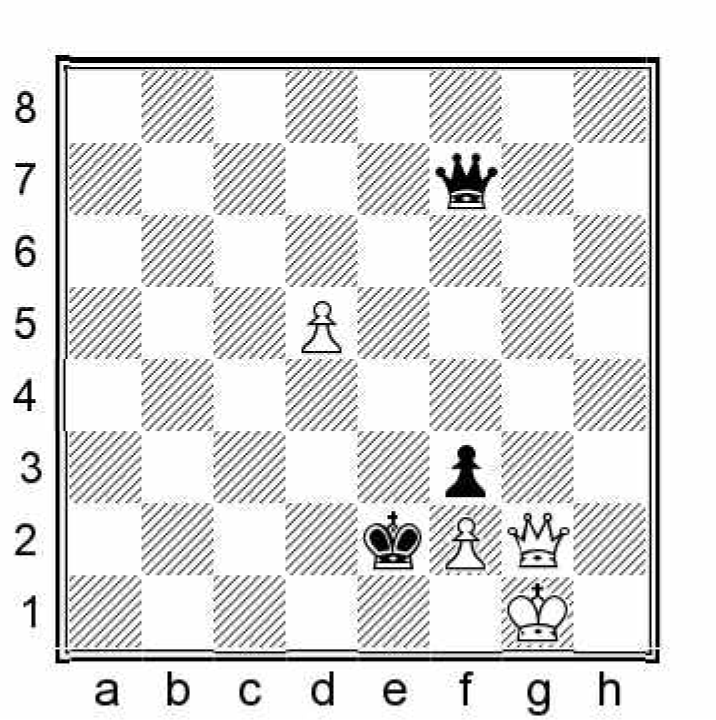
43.hxg5+?!

43.h5!

43...hxg5 44.♕f3 ♖xb5 45.♖xb5 ♕xb5 46.♕h5 ♕b1+

46...♕xd5 47.♕h6+ ♔f7 48.♕h5+ ♔e6 49.♕g6+ ♔d7 50.♕xf5+=

47.♔h2 f4 48.♕h6+ ♕g6 49.♕f8+ ♕f7 50.♕xd6+ ♔f5 51.♕h6 ♔e4!? 52.♕xg5 ♔f3 53.gxf4 exf4 54.♕g2+ ♔e2 55.♔g1 f3?



55...♕f5=

56.♕g5!+- ♕a7 57.♕e5+! ♔d2

57...♔d2 58.♕f4+ ♔e2 59.♕e4+ ♔d2 60.♕xf3

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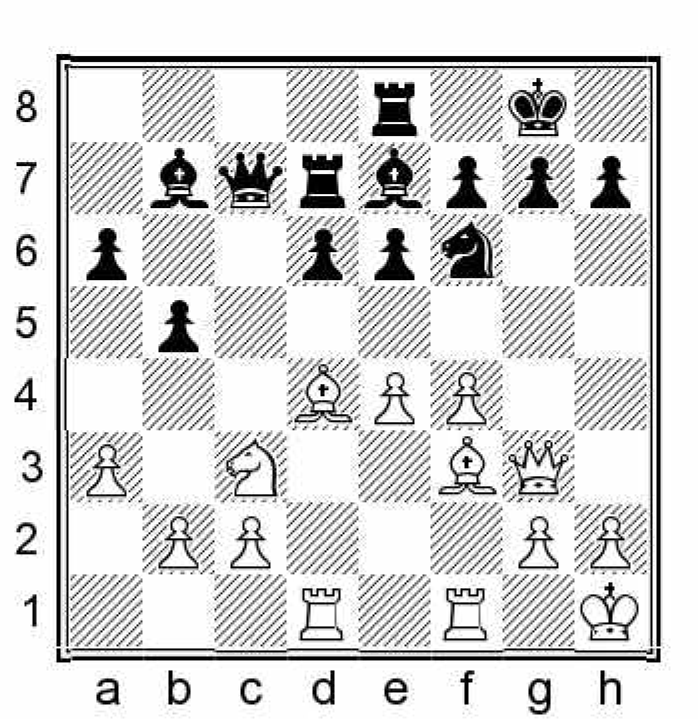
76. B85
Alekseenko, Kirill (2698) - Caruana, Fabiano (2781)
chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/76, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e2 a6 7.O-O ♘f6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.f4 d6 10.♕e1 O-O 11.♕g3 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.a3 ♗b7 14.♔h1 ♖ad8 15.♖ae1 ♖fe8 16.♖d1

16.♗d3 - 103/(156)

16...♖d7 17.♗f3



17...♕d8?!N

17...♖ed8

18.♕f2?!

18.e5! dxe5 19.fxe5 ♘d5 (19...♘e4 20.♗xe4 ♗xe4 21.♘xe4 ♖xd4 22.♖xd4 ♕xd4 23.♕f4 ♔h8 (23...♕d8 24.♕xf7+ ♔h8 25.♘d6 ♖f8 26.♕xf8+ ♕xf8 27.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 28.♔g1 ♔g8 29.♔f2+-) 24.♕xf7 ♖g8 25.♕xe7 (25.♖e1 ♕d7) 25...♕xe4 26.♕xe6 ♕e2 27.♕f5 h6 28.h3 ♖e8 29.♖f3±) 20.♘e4 ♕c7 (20...g6 21.♗c5±→) 21.c3±

18...♗f8

18...♕a8!?

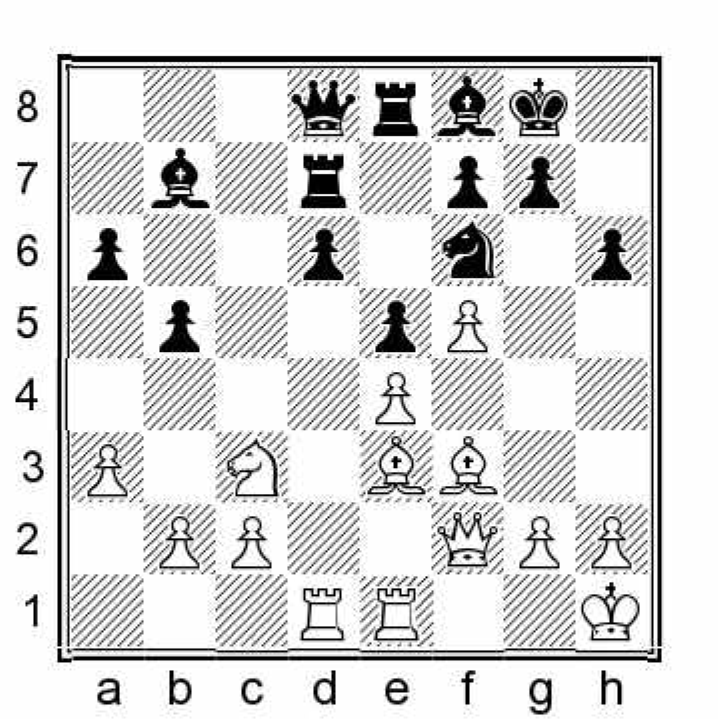
19.♖fe1

19.♕g3!?

19...e5! 20.♗e3

20.♗b6 ♕a8 21.f5 h6∞

20...h6 21.f5



21...d5

21...♕a8!?

22.exd5

22.♗b6 ♕a8 23.exd5 ♘xd5 24.♘xd5 ♗xd5 25.♗e4 ♖ee7 26.♖xd5 ♖xd5 27.f6 ♖e6=

22...♘xd5 23.♘xd5 ♗xd5 24.♗xd5 ♖xd5 25.♕f3 ♖xd1

25...e4!?

26.♖xd1 ♕c8 27.♕e4 f6= 28.h3 ♖d8 29.♖xd8 ♕xd8 30.c3 ♕d1+ 31.♔h2 ♗d6 32.h4?!

32.b4=

32...h5

32...♔h7!?

33.♕a8+?

33.♗f2=; 33.b4=

33...♔h7-+ 34.♕e4

34.♗f2 e4+ 35.♗g3 ♗xg3+ 36.♔xg3 ♕g4+ 37.♔f2 ♕xh4+

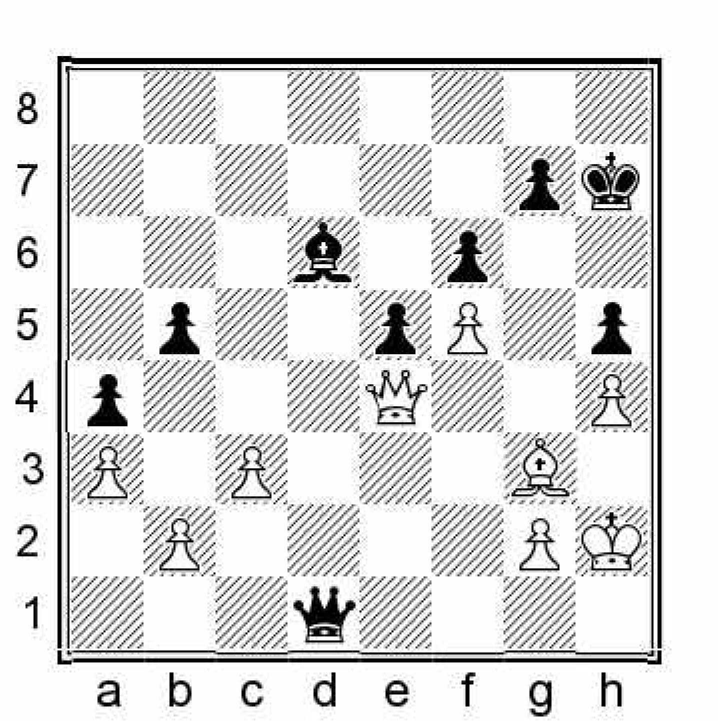
34...a5

34...♕e1!

35.♗f2

35.♗b6

35...a4 36.♗g3



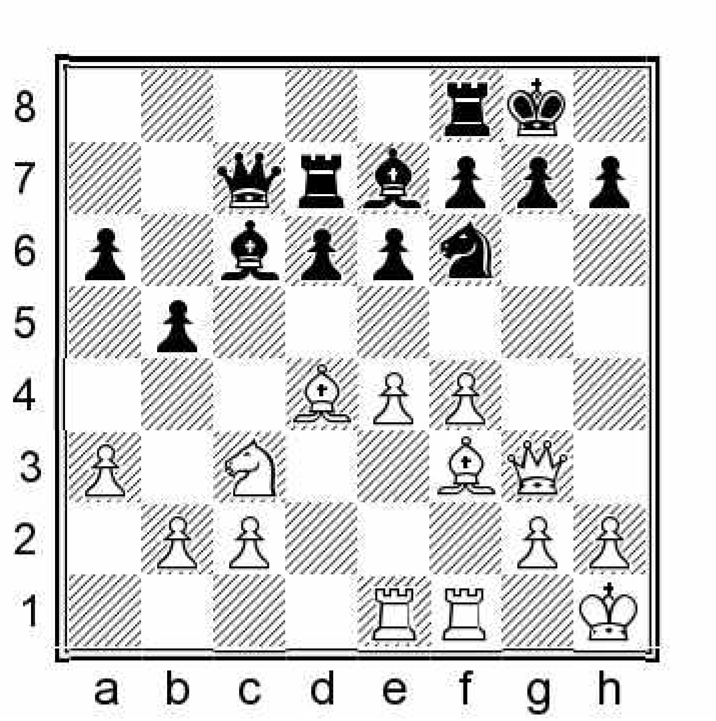
36...♗c5! 37.♔h3

37.♗e1 ♗a7Θ 38.♔h3 ♕c1

37...♕h1+ 38.♗h2 ♗g1 0-1

77. !N B85
Alekseenko, Kirill (2698) - Gledura, Benjamin (2652)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/77, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e2 a6 7.O-O ♘f6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.f4 d6 10.♕e1 O-O 11.♕g3 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.a3 ♗b7 14.♔h1 ♖ad8 15.♖ae1 ♖d7 16.♗f3 ♗c6?



16...♕c4 - 87/(226)

17.♘d5!!N

17.e5

17...♕d8?!

17...exd5 18.exd5 ♖dd8 (18...♗b7 19.♖xe7 ♔h8 20.♖e3 ♖e7 21.♖c3 ♕d8 22.♗xf6 gxf6 23.♕h4 ♖ee8 24.♗e4 f5 25.♕h6+-) 19.dxc6 d5 20.♖e5+-; 17...♗xd5 18.exd5 e5 (18...♕xc2?! 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.♕h3! ♕c4 21.♗xf6 ♗xf6 22.♗g4+-; 18...♕c4 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.c3±) 19.♗c3 exf4 20.♕xf4 ♗d8 21.♖e2±

18.♘xf6+

18.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 19.♗xf6 ♕xf6 20.e5+-

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78. B85
Morovic Fernandez, Ivan (2495) - Pichot, Alan (2652)
San Salvador 152/78, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 e6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e2 ♘f6 7.a3 ♗e7 8.♗e3 O-O 9.O-O d6 10.♔h1 a6 11.f4 ♘xd4

11...♗d7 - 113/(79)

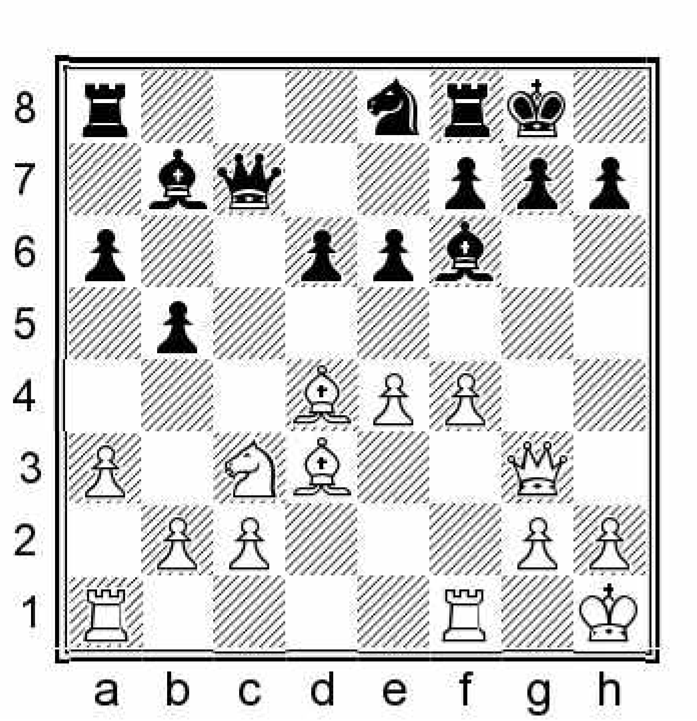
12.♗xd4 b5 13.♕e1 ♗b7 14.♕g3 ♘e8!? [∆ Bf6]

14...♗c6 - 150/71

15.♗d3

15.♖ad1! ♖d8 (15...♗f6 16.e5 (16.♕e3) 16...dxe5 17.fxe5 ♗e7 18.♕e3± (18.♗d3?! f5!; 18.♕f2±)) 16.♕e3 ♕b8 17.♗f3 (17.♗d3!?) 17...♘f6!? (17...e5? 18.♗b6 ♘c7 19.fxe5! (19.♗h5∞) 19...dxe5 20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.exd5±)

15...♗f6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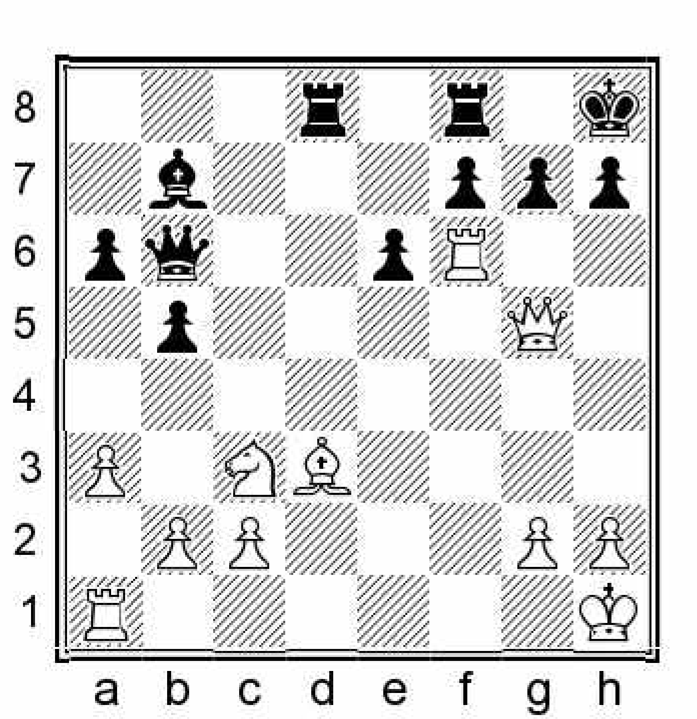
16.♗xf6N

16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 ♖d8! (17...♗e7) 18.♗b6! ♕xb6 19.exf6 ♔h8 20.♕g5 ♘xf6 21.♖xf6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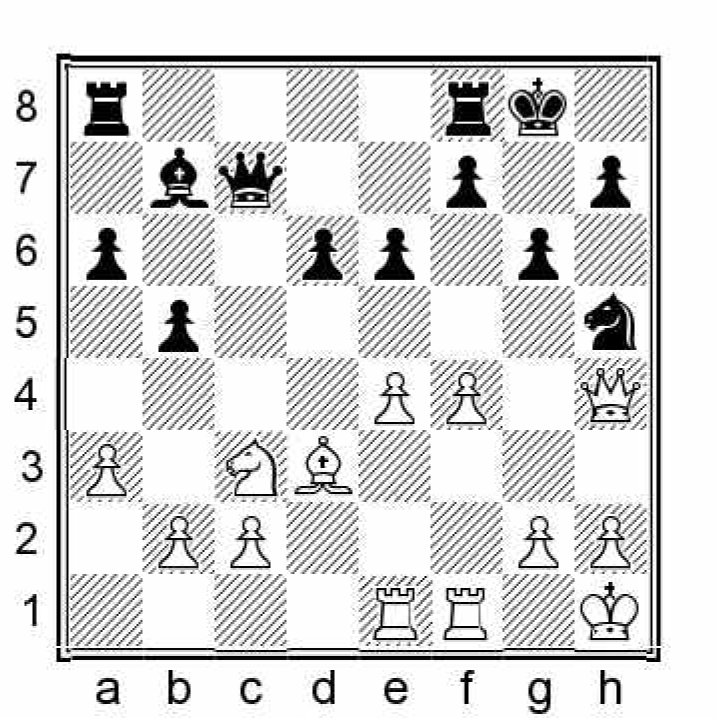
21...♖xd3! (21...gxf6 22.♕h6! (22.♕xf6+=) 22...f5 23.♗xf5! ♗xg2+! 24.♔xg2 ♖g8+ 25.♔f3 ♖g7

26.♗d3±) 22.cxd3 gxf6 23.♕xf6+ ♔g8=

16...♘xf6 17.♖ae1 ♘h5?!

17...d5 18.e5 (18.exd5 ♘xd5=) 18...♘e4 19.♗xe4 dxe4 20.♖f2=; 17...♘d7! 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 ♘c5=

18.♕h4 g6



19.g4?!

19.f5! exf5 20.exf5 ♖ae8 21.♗e2! ♕d8 22.♕xd8 ♖xd8 23.♗xh5 gxh5 24.♖e7±

19...♘g7 20.f5

20.♖f3 f5! 21.♖h3 ♘e8= 22.gxf5 exf5 23.♔g1 fxe4 24.♘xe4 ♗xe4 25.♗xe4 ♖a7 26.f5!

20...exf5 21.gxf5 ♖fe8?!

21...♕c5! 22.f6 ♘h5=

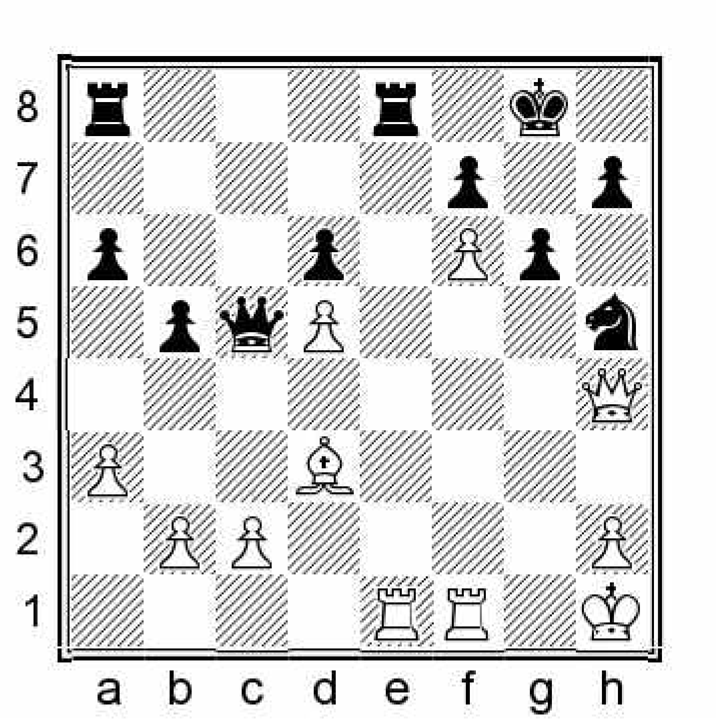
22.♘d5?!

22.♖e3! ♘h5 23.♗e2 ♕d8 24.♕f2± (24.♕xd8 ♖axd8 25.♗xh5 gxh5±)

22...♗xd5 23.exd5 ♕c5!↑ 24.f6?

24.♕b4!

24...♘h5?



24...♖xe1! 25.♖xe1 ♘h5∓ 26.b4? ♕c3-+

25.b4! ♕c3

25...♕xd5+? 26.♗e4 ♕d4 27.♗xa8+-

26.♖e6! fxe6 27.f7+ ♔h8 28.fxe8=♕+ ♖xe8 29.dxe6 ♕e5 30.♖e1

30.♕e4=

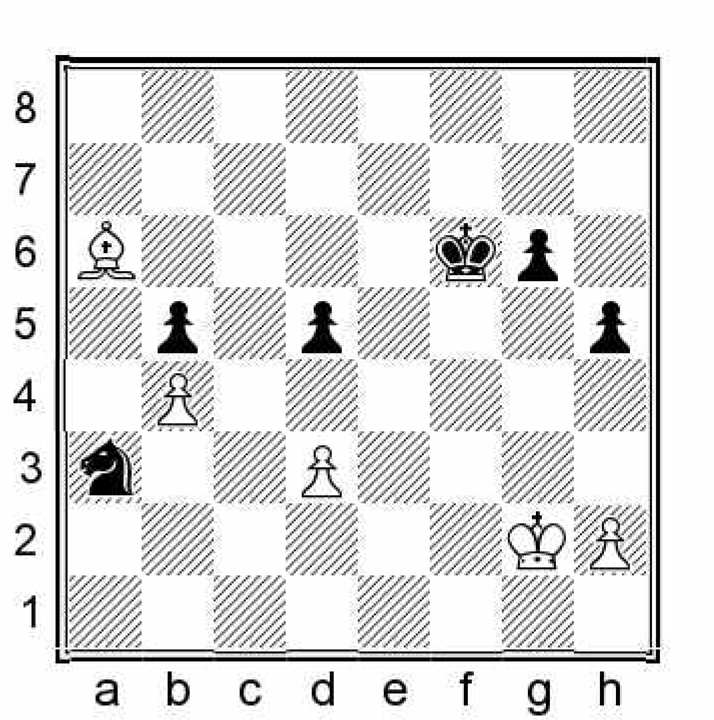
30...♕d5+ 31.♔g1 ♔g7 32.e7 ♘f6 33.♕f4 ♘d7 34.♕e3?

34.h4 ♘e5 35.♖f1 ♘d7=

34...♘e5 35.♗e4 ♕e6 36.♗g2 ♖xe7 37.♖d1 ♕f6 38.♕g3 ♘c4-+ 39.♖f1 ♕d4+ 40.♔h1 ♘e3 41.♕f2 ♘f5 42.♕f3 ♕e3 43.♖d1 h5 44.♖a1 ♕d2 45.♗h3 ♘d4 46.♕d3 ♕xd3 47.cxd3 ♖e2 48.♗g2 ♘c2 49.♖g1 ♔f6 50.♗b7 ♘d4 51.♖f1+ ♔e5 52.♖g1 d5 53.♖g5+ ♔f6 54.♖g2 ♖xg2?

54...♖e5-+

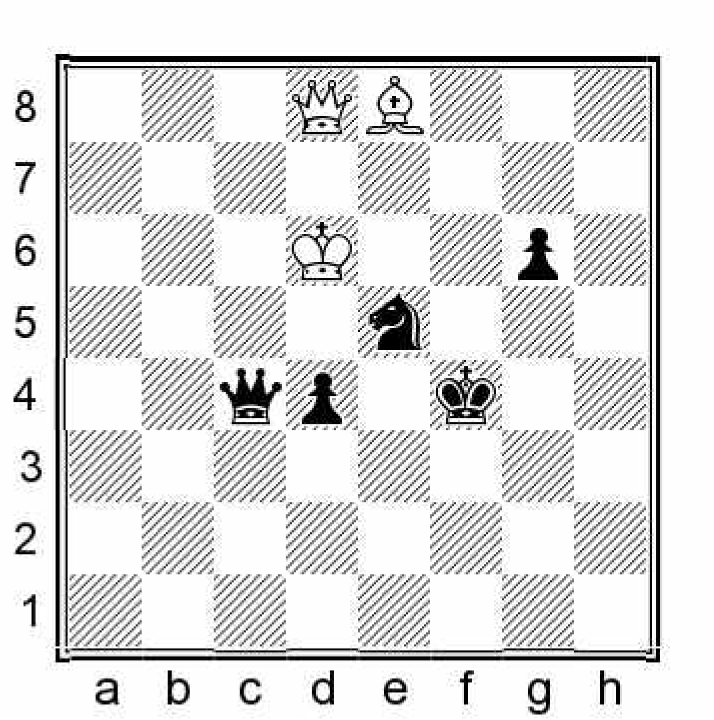
55.♔xg2 ♘c2 56.♗xa6 ♘xa3



57.d4?

57.♔g3!

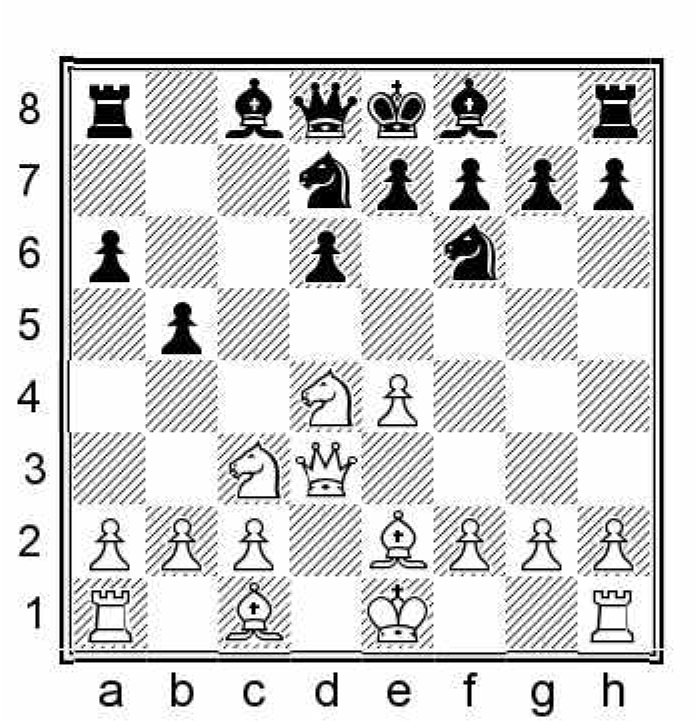
57...♔f5 58.♔f3 ♘c2 59.♔e2 ♔e4 60.h4 ♘xd4+ 61.♔d2 ♘f3+ 62.♔e2 ♔f4 63.♔d3 ♘xh4 64.♗xb5 ♘f3 65.♗e8 h4 66.b5 h3 67.b6 ♘e5+ 68.♔d4 h2 69.b7 h1=♕ 70.b8=♕ ♕e4+ 71.♔c5 ♕c4+ 72.♔d6 d4 73.♕d8



73...♕c6+?? 74.♗xc6 ♘f7+ 75.♔d5 ♘xd8 76.♗e8! g5 77.♔xd4 g4 78.♔d3 ♘e6 79.♔e2 ♔g3 80.♗d7 ♘c5 81.♗xg4 ♔xg4 82.♔e3 1/2-1/2

79. B90
Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727) - Shirov, Alexei (2704)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3 ♘bd7 7.♗e2 b5



8.♘d5N

8.a4 - 147/66

8...♗b7

8...e6?! 9.♘c6 ♘e5 10.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 11.♘xe5 ♕xe5 12.f4±

9.a4!?

9.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 10.f3 e5 11.♘f5 d5∞

9...♘c5

9...bxa4 10.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 11.f3 ♘d7 12.♕a3 e6 13.♕xa4 ♗e7 14.O-O (14.♘c6 ♗xc6 15.♕xc6 O-O 16.♕a4 (16.♖xa6 ♖c8 17.♕b5 ♖xc2∓) 16...a5∞) 14...O-O 15.♗e3±

10.♘xf6+ gxf6 11.♕e3 bxa4

11...♘xa4?! 12.c4! (12.♘xb5 ♘c5 13.♘c3±) 12...♘c5 13.b4 ♘xe4 (13...♘d7 14.cxb5+-) 14.cxb5+-

12.f3 e5 13.♘f5 d5 14.exd5 ♕xd5 15.♕f2

15.O-O ♖c8 16.♕f2 ♕e6 17.♘e3 f5 18.b4 axb3 19.♗c4 ♕g6 20.cxb3⯹

15...e4?!

15...♕e6 16.♗h6 (16.♘g7+ ♗xg7 17.♕xc5 ♗f8 18.♕f2 ♖c8 19.♗d3 ♗c5 20.♗e3 ♗xe3 21.♕xe3 ♗c6∞) 16...♕xf5 17.♗xf8 ♔xf8 18.♕xc5+ ♔g7 19.♖xa4 h5 20.♗d3 ♕d7∞

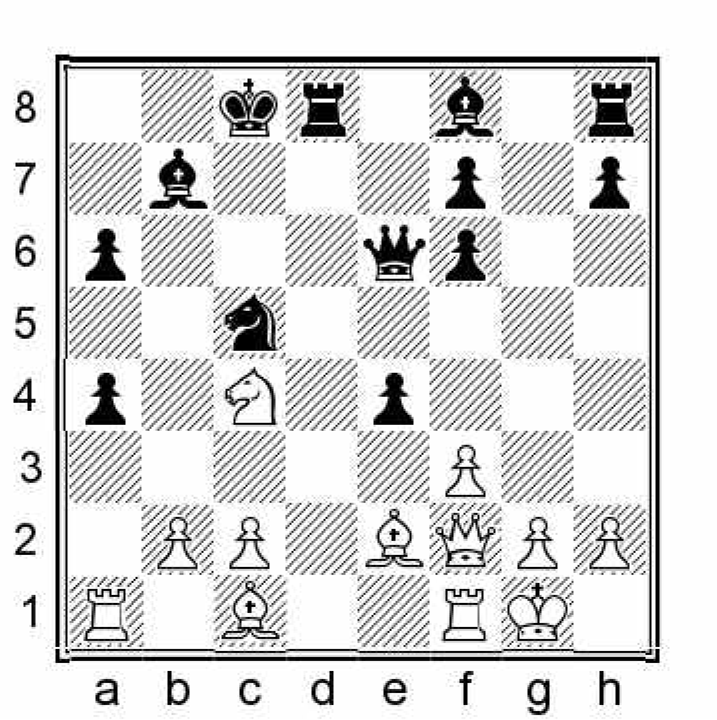
16.♘e3

16.♘g3!? exf3 17.♗xf3 ♕e5+ 18.♗e3 ♗h6 19.♖a3 (19.♘f5 ♗xe3 20.♘xe3 O-O-O 21.O-O±) 19...♘b3 20.♗xb7 ♗xe3 21.♕f5 ♕xb2 22.♖xb3 axb3 23.♗xa8 ♕xc2 24.♕e4+ ♕xe4 25.♗xe4 O-O 26.♔e2±

16...♕c6 17.O-O O-O-O

17...♖g8 18.♔h1 O-O-O 19.♘c4±

18.♘c4! ♕e6



18...exf3 19.♗xf3 ♘e4 20.♗xe4 ♕xc4 (20...♕xe4 21.♖xa4+-) 21.♗xb7+ ♔xb7 22.♕f3+ ♕d5 23.♗e3 ♕xf3 24.♖xf3 ♗e7 25.♖xa4±

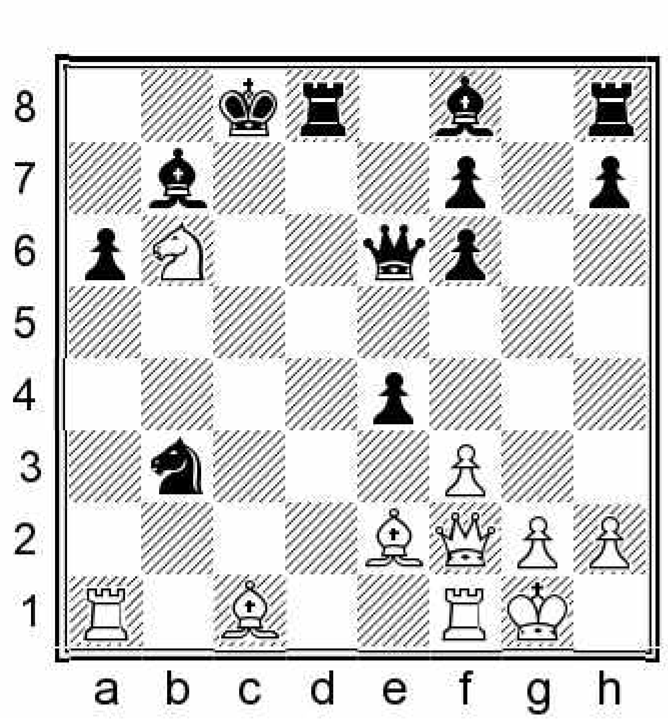
19.b3!

19.♘a5!? exf3 20.♗xf3 ♗xf3 21.♕xf3 ♕e4 22.♗e3±

19...axb3 20.cxb3

20.♖a5! ♕c6 21.♗f4 ♖g8 22.cxb3±

20...♘xb3 21.♘b6+



21.♖b1 exf3 22.♗xf3 ♕xc4 23.♗xb7+ ♔xb7 24.♕f3+ ♔a7 25.♖xb3 ♗c5+ 26.♔h1 ♕d5 27.♗e3 ♗xe3 28.♕xe3+ ♔a8 29.♖b6 ♖d6=

21...♔b8?

21...♕xb6! 22.♕xb6 ♗c5+ 23.♕xc5+ ♘xc5 24.fxe4 ♖hg8 25.♖xf6 ♗xe4 26.g3 ♗d3∞

22.♗f4+ ♗d6 23.♗c4 ♕e8

⌓23...e3 24.♕a2 ♕f5 25.♗xd6+ ♖xd6 26.♕xb3 e2 27.♗xe2 ♕c5+ 28.♔h1 ♖xb6 29.♕xf7±

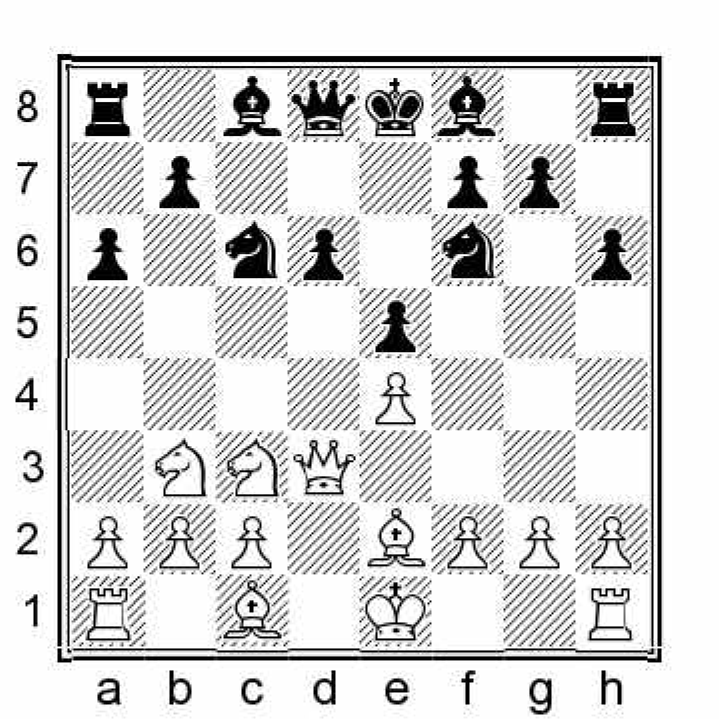
24.♗xd6+ ♖xd6 25.♗xb3+- ♖g8 26.♘c4 ♖d3 27.♗c2 exf3 28.g3 ♖c3 29.♘a5 ♕e2 30.♗xh7 1-0

80. B90
Inarkiev, Ernesto (2659) - Sakaev, Konstantin (2603)
Russia 152/80, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♕d3 h6!?

6...g6 - 149/76

7.♗e2 e5 8.♘b3 ♘c6



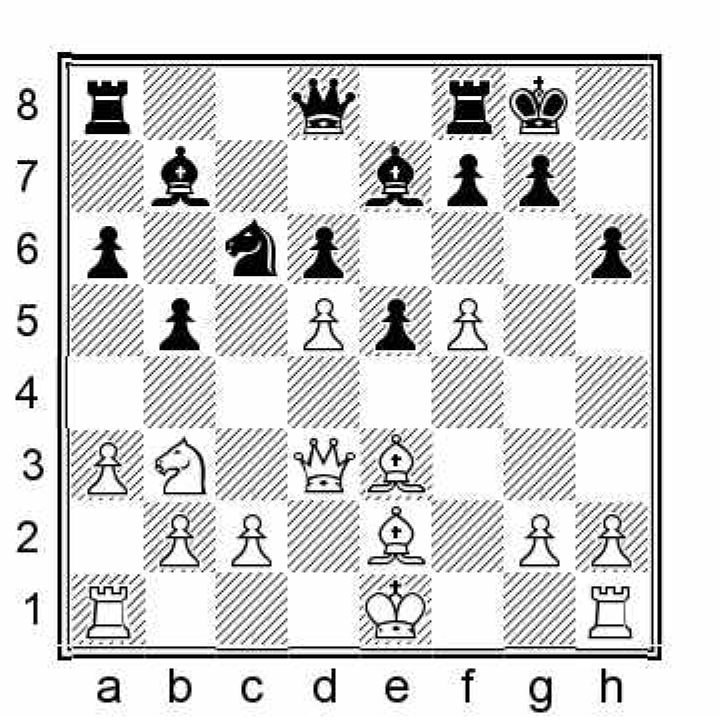
9.a3N

9.♗e3 ♗e7 10.♘d5 O-O 11.O-O-O (11.♗b6 ♕d7 12.O-O ♘xd5 13.exd5 ♘b8 14.♘d2 ♕e8∞) 11...♘xd5 12.exd5 ♘a5∞

9...♗e7 10.f4 O-O 11.f5 b5 12.♗e3 ♗b7 13.♘d5

13.O-O ♘a5 14.♘xa5 ♕xa5 15.♗f3 ♕c7=

13...♘xd5 14.exd5



14...♘b8

14...e4! 15.♕d2 (15.♕xe4?! ♖e8! 16.O-O ♗f6 17.♕f3 ♘e5 18.♕f2 ♗xd5∓) 15...♘e5 16.O-O ♖c8 17.♘a5 ♗a8∓

15.♘d2 ♘d7 16.♘e4 ♘f6 17.♘xf6+ ♗xf6∞ 18.♕e4 ♕a5+

18...♗h4+ 19.g3 ♗g5 20.♗f2 ♕a5+ 21.b4 ♕c7 22.O-O ♕c3 23.h4 ♗f6∞

19.♔f2

19.b4 ♕c7 20.O-O ♕c3 21.♗b6 ♖ab8 22.♗a7 ♖bc8 23.♗d3 ♖a8 24.♗b6 ♖ab8=

19...♖fc8

19...♕a4 20.♗d3 ♕xe4 21.♗xe4 ♖fc8 22.b3 a5 23.h4 h5∞

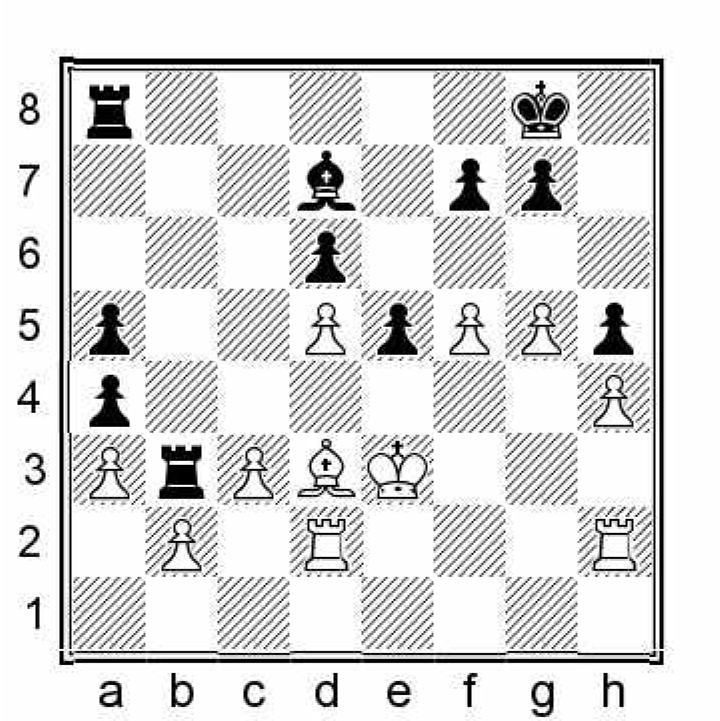
20.c3 ♕a4 21.♕xa4 bxa4 22.♖ad1 ♖cb8 23.♖d2 ♗c8 24.g4 ♗d7= 25.h4 ♗d8 26.♗d3 ♖b3 27.♔f3 ♗b6

27...♖ab8 28.♖hh2 ♗b5 29.♗b1 ♗d7=

28.g5 ♗xe3

⌓28...h5 29.♗xb6 ♖xb6 30.♖c1 ♖ab8 31.♖cc2 f6 (31...♖b3∞) 32.♖g2 ♔f7∞

29.♔xe3 h5 30.♖hh2 a5



31.♖hf2?!

31.♗e2! ♗xf5 32.♗xh5 ♖b5 33.♗d1±

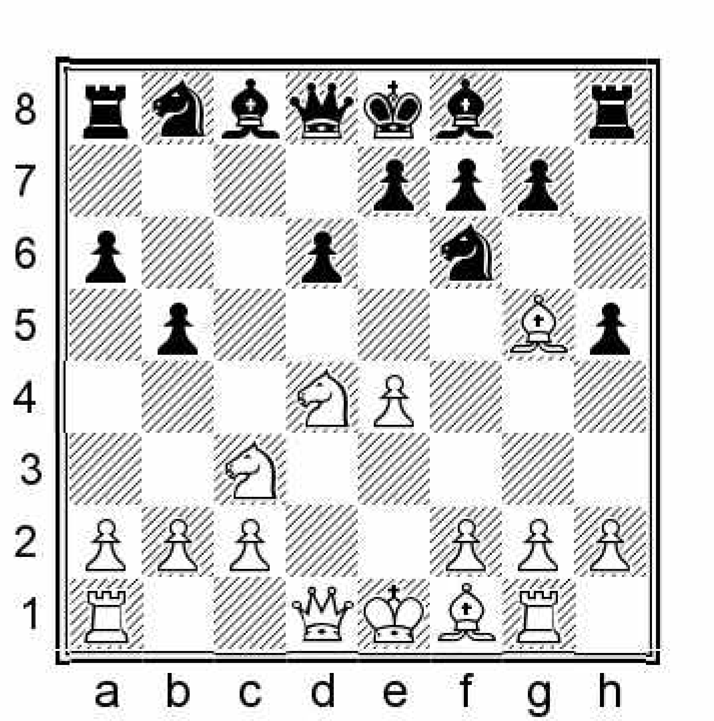
31...♖ab8 32.♗e4 ♖c8 33.♖h2 ♖c4 34.♖df2 ♖b7 35.♖f1 ♔f8 36.♖e1 ♔e7= 37.♖g1 ♔f8 38.♖f1 ♖b8 39.♖ff2 ♖b7 40.♖h1 ♖b8 41.♖hh2 ♔e8 42.♔d3 ♗b5 43.♔e3 ♔d7 44.♗f3 ♖h8 45.♖c2 ♖c5 46.♖h1 ♗c4 47.♖d2 ♗b3 48.♖hh2 ♔c7 49.♖h1 ♔b6 50.♖hh2 1/2-1/2

81. * B90
Paravyan, David (2617) - Chigaev, Maksim (2631)
Russia 152/81, 2022

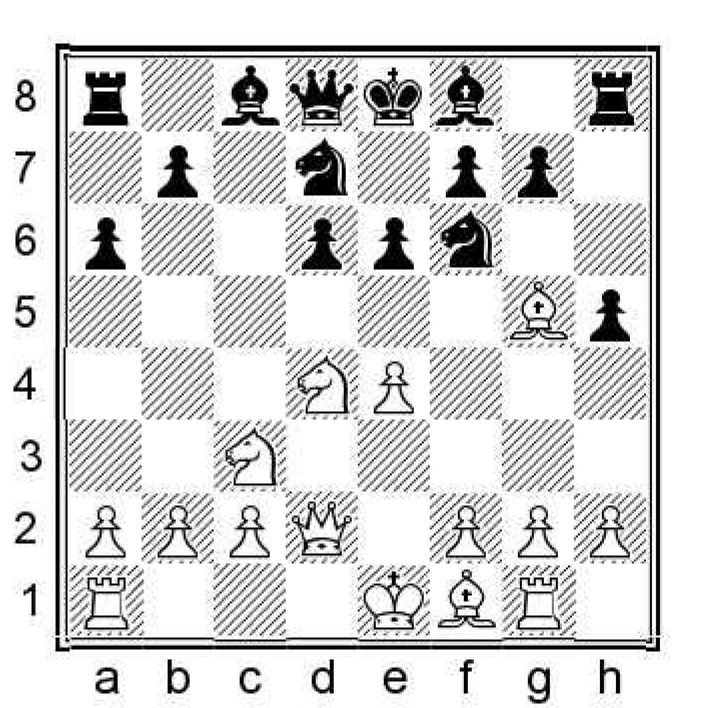
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♖g1 h5

6...g6 - 151/ 82

7.♗g5 b5



7...♘bd7 8.♕d2 e6



9.a4N (9.O-O-O) 9...♗e7 10.f4 ♘c5 11.♗d3 ♗d7 12.♖f1 ♖c8 13.a5 b5 14.b4?! (14.axb6 ♕xb6

15.♘b3 a5∓) 14...♘xd3+ 15.cxd3 d5! 16.♖b1 (16.exd5 ♗xb4-+) 16...dxe4 17.dxe4 ♖c4 18.e5 ♗c8-+ Nepomniachtchi,I (2773)-Fedoseev,V (2701) chess.com (Int. -rapid) 152/(81) 2022

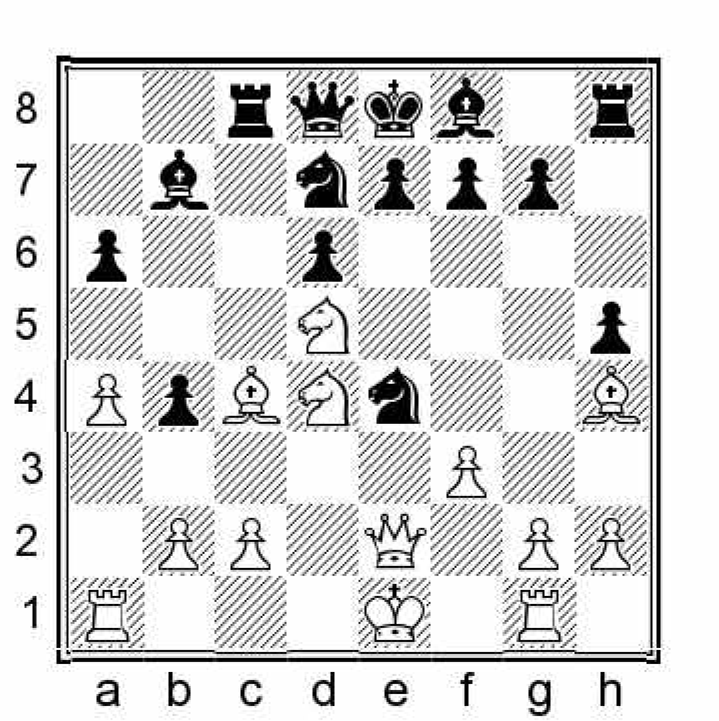
8.a4N

8.♗d3; 8.a3 ♘bd7 9.♕d2 g6 10.♗e2 ♗b7 11.O-O-O ♗g7 12.f4 ♕c7 13.♗f3 ♘b6∞

8...b4 9.♘d5 ♘xe4 10.♗h4

10.♗e3 ♘c5 11.a5 e6 12.♘b6 ♖a7∞

10...♗b7 11.♗c4 ♘d7 12.♕e2 ♖c8 13.f3

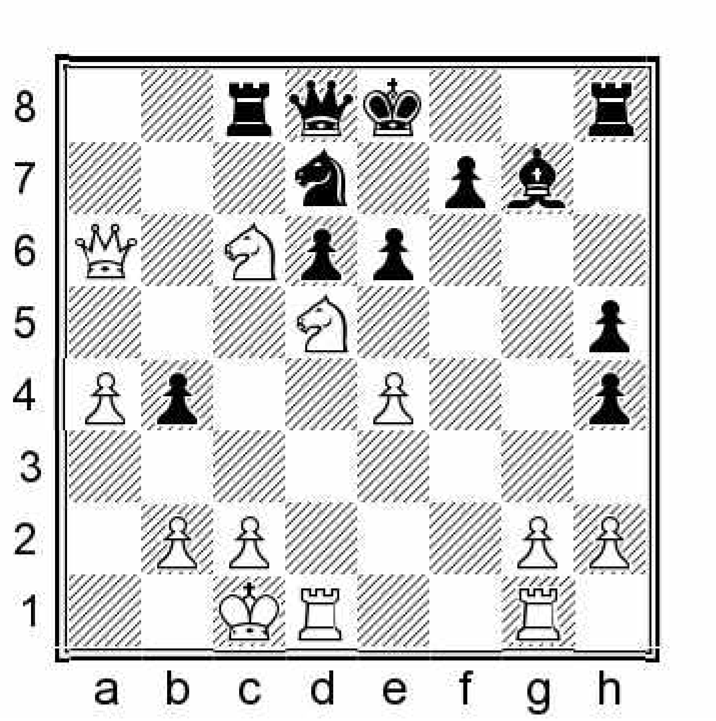


13.f4 g5! 14.♗xg5 ♘xg5 15.fxg5 ♘e5 16.♗b3 ♗xd5 17.♗xd5 e6 18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.♗xe6 ♖c6 20.O-O-O ♕xg5+ 21.♔b1 ♔d8∞

13...g5!

13...♖xc4!? 14.♕xc4 ♘e5 15.♕e2 ♘c5 (15...♗xd5 16.fxe4 ♗b7 17.O-O-O g6∞) 16.♘xb4 ♕b6 17.c3 a5 18.♕b5+ ♕xb5 19.axb5 axb4 20.cxb4 ♘ed3+ 21.♔e2 ♘xb4∞

14.fxe4 gxh4 15.♗xa6 ♗xa6 16.♕xa6 ♗g7 17.O-O-O e6 18.♘c6

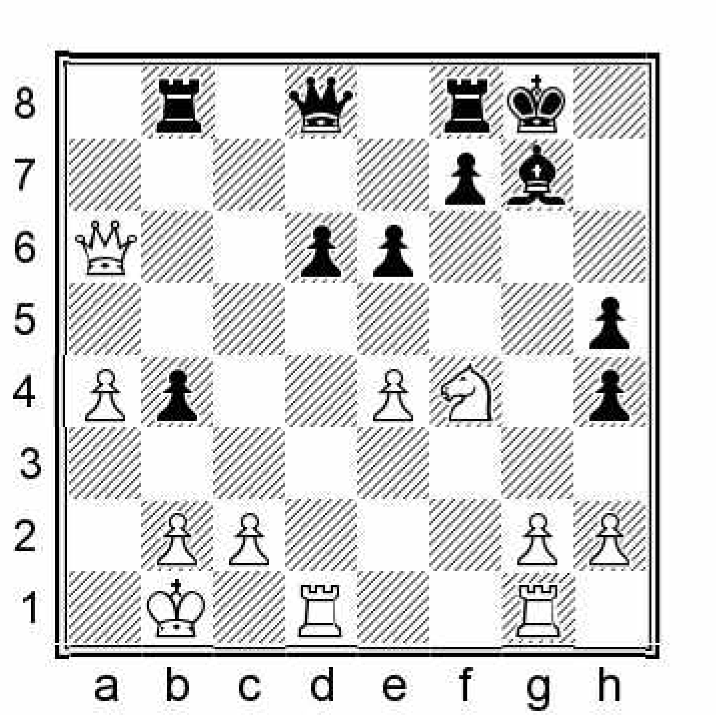


18.♘xb4 ♘c5 19.♕b5+ ♕d7 20.♔b1 ♘xa4 21.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 22.♖gf1 ♖hf8∞

18...♘b8! 19.♘xb8 ♖xb8 20.♘f4?

20.♕c6+ ♔f8 21.♘e3 ♖b6 22.♕c4 b3∓

20...O-O 21.♔b1



21...♗xb2!?

21...♖a8 22.♕c6 (22.♕xd6 ♕f6-+) 22...♕a5 23.g3 (23.b3 ♕e5-+) 23...♕xa4 24.♕xa4 ♖xa4 25.♘xh5 ♖fa8 26.c3 b3 27.♔c1 ♗h6+-+

22.g4

22.♔xb2 ♕f6+ 23.♔b1 b3! (23...♕xf4? 24.g3 ♕e3 25.gxh4+ ♔h7 26.♖de1 ♕d2 27.♖d1 ♕e3 28.♖de1 ♕d2=) 24.c3 (24.♘d3 bxc2+ 25.♔xc2 ♖fc8+ 26.♔d2 ♕g5+-+) 24...♕xf4-+

22...♗e5 23.gxh5+ ♔h8 24.♖df1 ♖a8

24...b3 25.c3 ♕c7 26.♖f3 ♕c5-+

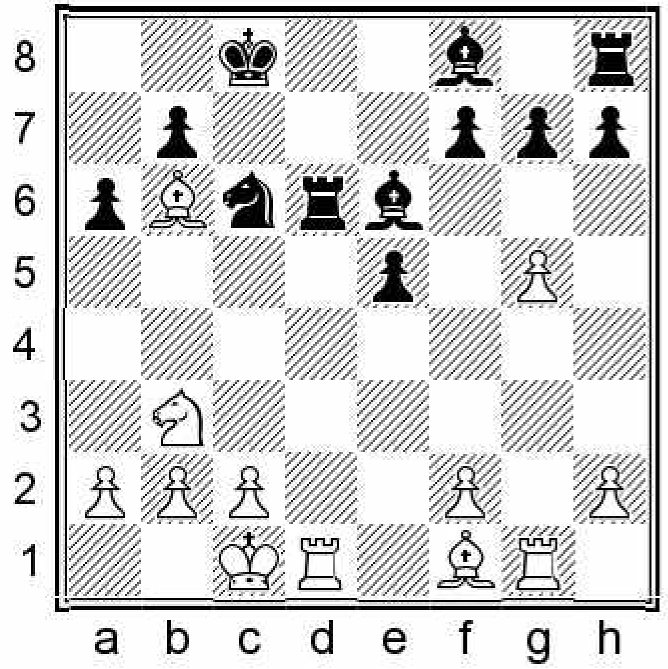
25.♕b5 ♕e8-+ 26.c4 bxc3 27.♕xe8 ♖fxe8 28.♘d3 ♗d4 29.♖g5 ♖xa4 30.♖b5 ♖c8 31.♘b4 ♖xb4+! 32.♖xb4 c2+ 33.♔a2 ♗e3 34.♖b7 c1=♕ 0-1

82. * B90
Gordievsky, Dmitry (2559) - Kim, Alexey (2464)
Russia 152/82, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♖g1 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.g4 d5 9.exd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xd5 ♕xd5 11.♕xd5

11.♗e3 - 91/213

11...♗xd5 12.♗e3 ♘c6 13.O-O-O O-O-O 14.♗b6 ♖d6 15.g5 ♗e6



16.♖g3N

16.♘c5 - 152/(82) 16...♖xd1+ (16...♗f5!? 17.♖xd6 ♗xd6 18.♗c4 ♘d4 (18...♗g6=) 19.♖d1 ♗e7 20.h4 ♗g4 21.♖g1 ♗f5=) 17.♔xd1 ♗xc5 (17...♗f5 18.c3 h6 19.♗c4 ♗g6 20.h4 ♗d6=) 18.♗xc5 ♖d8+ (18...♔c7 19.b3 h6 20.gxh6 ♖xh6 21.♖xg7 ♖xh2=) 19.♔c1 ♔c7 20.b3± Esipenko,A (2723)-Lashkin,J (2386) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/(82) 2022; 16.♖xd6; 16.♗g2

16...♖xd1+ 17.♔xd1 ♗e7

17...h6 18.♗h3 (18.g6 f5 19.♗h3 ♗e7 20.♘c5 ♗xc5 21.♗xc5 ♖e8=) 18...♗xh3 19.♖xh3 ♔d7 20.♗e3 ♔e6 21.gxh6 gxh6=

18.c3

18.♗g2 h6 19.gxh6 ♖xh6 20.♖xg7 ♖xh2 21.♗xc6 bxc6=

18...e4

18...♗d8 19.♗xd8 (19.♗e3?! ♘e7∓) 19...♘xd8 20.h4 h6=

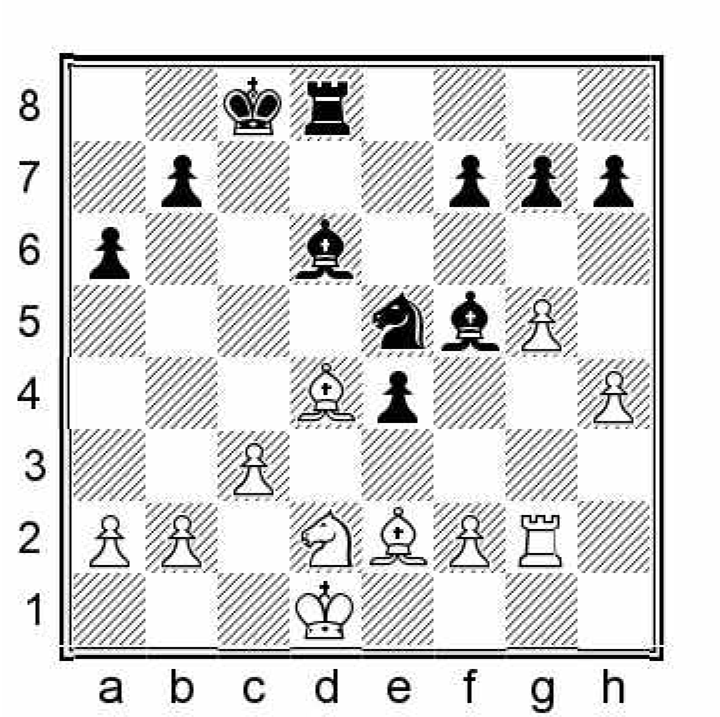
19.♘d2 ♗d6 20.♖g2

20.♖e3 ♗xh2 21.♖xe4 h5 22.gxh6 ♖xh6 23.♗c4=

20...♗f5

20...♗f4 21.♗c4 ♗h3 22.♖g1 ♘e5 23.♗e2 ♗e6 24.♗e3 ♗xe3 25.fxe3 ♔d7∞

21.♗e2 ♘e5 22.♗d4 ♖d8 23.h4



23...♘g6! 24.♗xg7?!

24.h5 ♘f4 25.♗g4 ♘xg2 26.♗xf5+ ♔c7 27.♗xh7 ♗f4 28.♗xe4 ♘h4 29.g6 fxg6 30.hxg6 b5=

24...♘xh4 25.♖g1?!

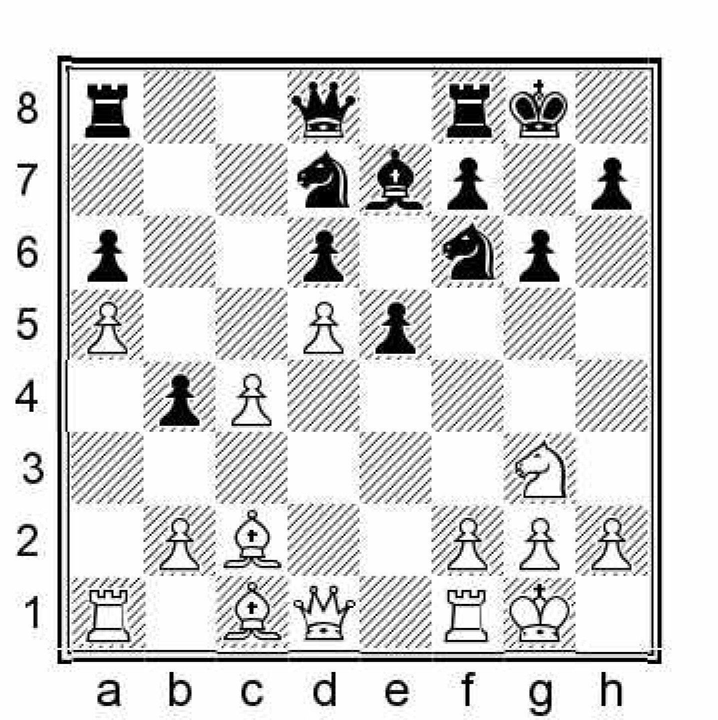
25.♗g4 ♗f4 26.♗d4 ♘xg2 27.♗xf5+ ♔c7 28.♗xe4 ♘h4 29.♗xh7 ♗xg5∓

25...♗c5 26.♗d4 ♗xd4 27.cxd4 ♖xd4 28.♔e1 ♔d8 29.♖g3 ♗e6 30.a3 ♔e7 31.♗f1 ♔d6-+ 32.♖e3 ♔e5 33.♖c3 ♔f4 34.♖c7 ♖d7 35.♖c5 ♖d5 36.♖c7 ♖xg5 37.♖xb7 ♖g1 38.♔d1 ♘f3 0-1

83. B90
Shevchenko, Kirill (2652) - Volokitin, Andrei (2687)

Deutschland 152/83, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 a6 6.♗d3 e5 7.♘de2 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♘g3 ♗e6 10.♘d5 ♗xd5 11.exd5 g6 12.a4 ♘bd7 13.a5 b5 14.c4 b4 15.♗c2



15.b3 - 142/(75)

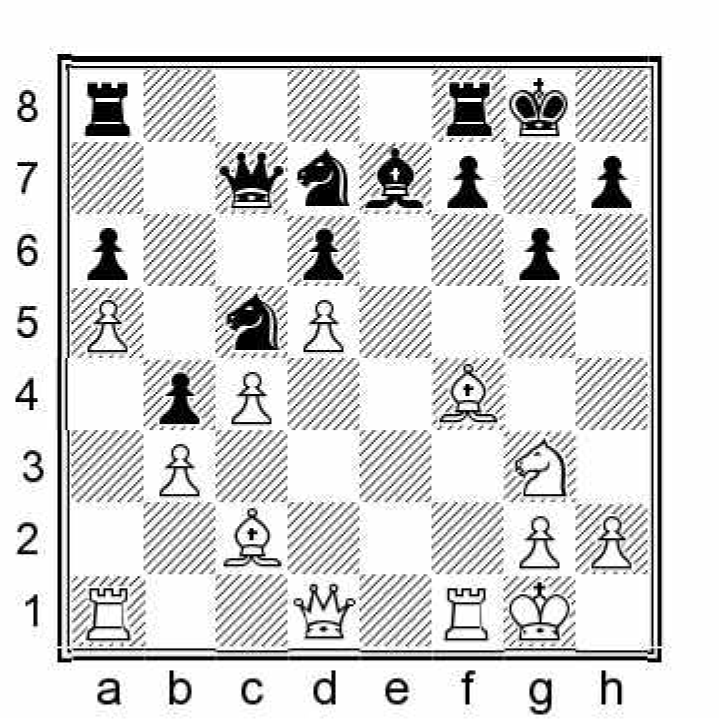
15...♕c7N

⌓15...♘c5 16.f4 (16.b3 - 142/(75)) 16...♘fd7 17.f5 ♗g5 18.♕g4 ♗xc1 19.♖axc1 ♕e7∞

16.b3 ♘c5 17.f4 exf4

17...♘fd7 18.f5 ♗f6 19.♗h6 e4 (19...♖fe8 20.fxg6 fxg6 (20...hxg6 21.♘h5! gxh5 22.♕xh5+-) 21.♘h5! gxh5 22.♗xh7+! ♔xh7 23.♕xh5+-) 20.♗xe4! (20.♗xf8 ♖xf8 21.♖b1 ♖e8±) 20...♖fe8 21.♗c2±

18.♗xf4 ♘fd7



19.♘f5! gxf5

19...♖ae8 20.♕f3 gxf5 (20...♘e5 21.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 22.♕g3 f5 23.♗h6±) 21.♗xf5 ♘f6 22.♕h3 ♔h8 23.♗g5+-

20.♗xf5

20.♕h5!? ♘f6 21.♕xf5 ♕d7 22.♖ae1 ♕xf5 23.♗xf5 ♗d8 24.♗xd6 ♘b7 25.♗xb4±

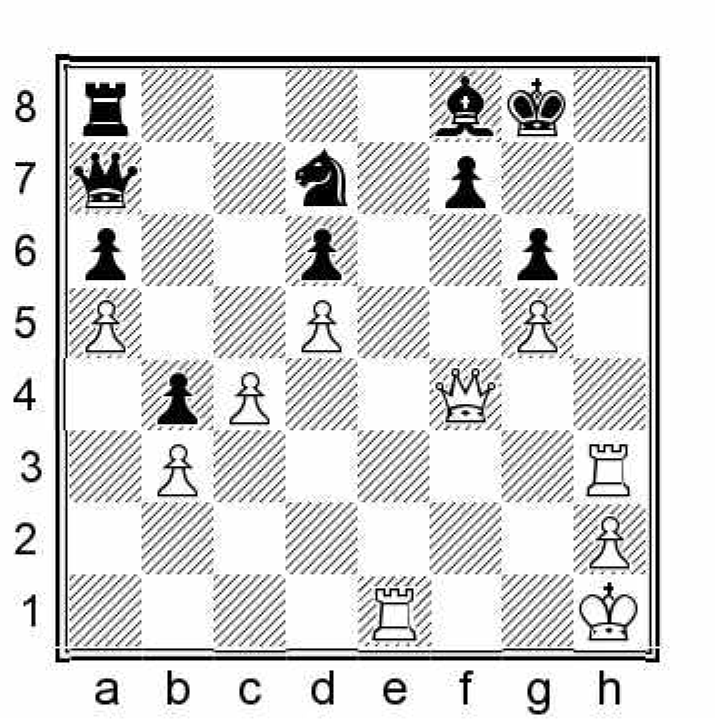
20...♘f6 21.♖f3 ♖fe8

21...♘cd7 22.♖h3 ♖fe8 23.g4 ♘f8 24.g5 ♘g6 25.♗e3 ♘d7 26.♕h5 ♘df8 27.♗d4 ♗d8 28.♖f1+-

22.♕d4 ♕a7 23.♗e3 ♗d8 24.♕f4

24.♖g3+ ♔h8 25.♖f1 ♖xe3 26.♖xe3 ♘xb3 27.♖e8+ ♔g7 28.♕xa7 ♖xa7 29.♖xd8+-

24...♖xe3 25.♖xe3 ♘cd7 26.♔h1 ♘e5 27.♖ae1 ♗e7 28.g4+- ♗f8 29.g5 ♘fd7 30.♖h3 ♘g6 31.♗xg6 hxg6

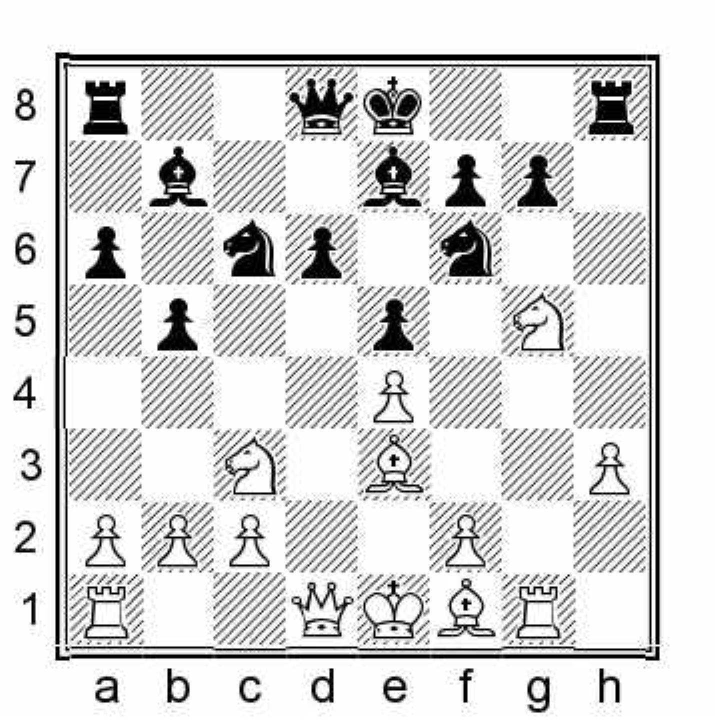


32.♖e7! ♗xe7 33.♕h4 ♕d4 34.♕xd4 ♘e5 35.♕h4 1-0

84. * B90
Ponkratov, Pavel (2641) - Neelash, Saha (2445)
New Delhi 152/84, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.g4 h6 9.♖g1 b5 10.g5 hxg5 11.♘xg5 ♗b7 12.♗e3 ♘bd7 - 152/84

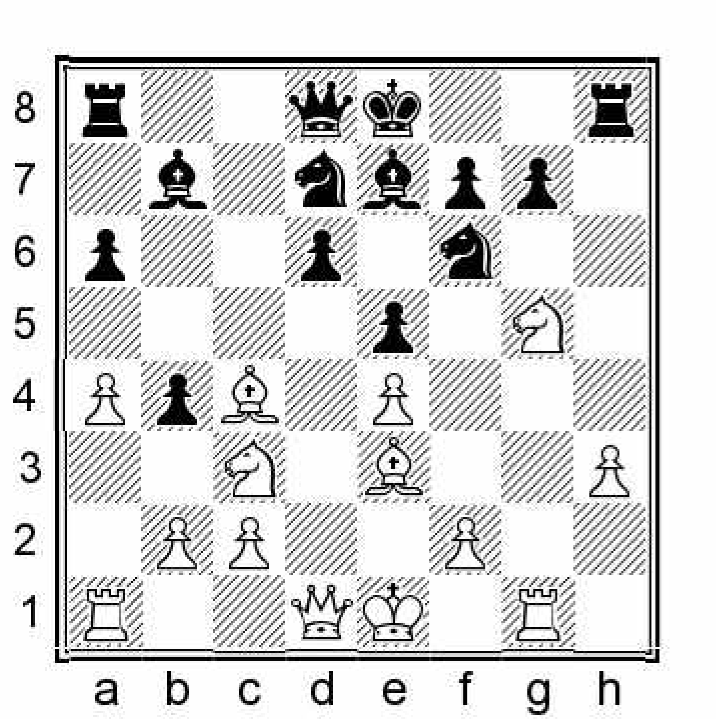
12...♘c6N



13.a4 ♕c8 14.axb5 axb5 15.♖xa8 ♕xa8 16.♘d5 (16.♘xb5 O-O 17.♗c4 ♘b4∞) 16...♗d8 17.c3

Rathanvel,V (2477)-Vantika,A (2381) Budapest 152/(84) 2022 (17.c3 ♘xd5 18.exd5 ♘e7 19.♗xb5+ ♔f8 20.♗d3 ♗xd5 (20...g6∞) 21.♖g4 g6 22.♖a4 ♕b7∞)

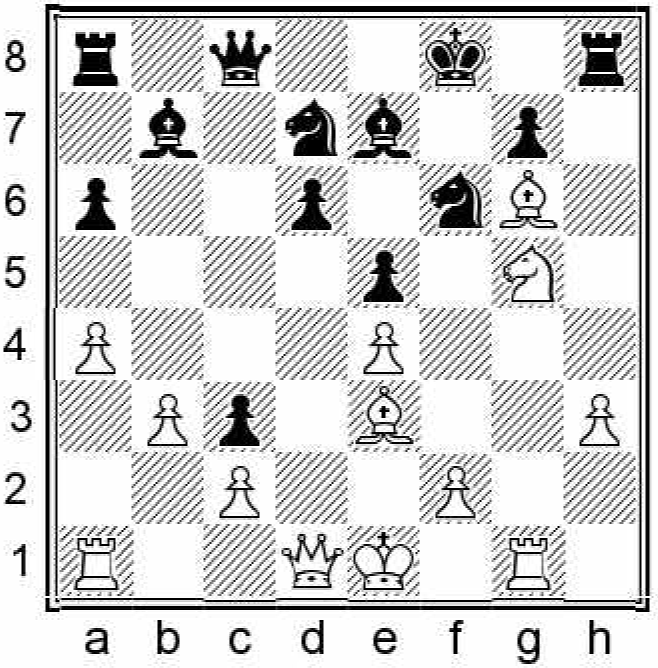
13.a4 b4 14.♗c4



14...O-O?!N

14...♖f8 - 150/(75)

14...bxc3! 15.♗xf7+ ♔f8 16.♗g6 (16.♘e6+? ♔xf7 17.♘xd8+ ♖axd8 18.bxc3 ♗xe4-+; 16.♗a2 cxb2 17.♘e6+ ♔e8 18.♘xg7+ ♔f8 19.♘e6+ ♔e8=) 16...♕c8 17.b3



17...♖h4! 18.♕e2 ♕c6 19.♕f3 (19.O-O-O d5 20.♗f5 d4 21.♘e6+ ♔g8 22.♖xg7+ ♔h8∞) 19...♘c5

20.b4 ♘xe4 21.♘e6+ ♔g8 22.♘xg7 ♘d2! 23.♕xc6 ♗xc6 24.♘f5 ♘f3+ 25.♔e2 ♗d5 26.♗h5+ ♘xg1+ 27.♖xg1+ ♔h8 28.♘xh4 ♘xh5 29.♘g6+ ♔h7 30.♘xe7 ♗e4∞

15.♘d5 ♖c8

15...♘xd5 16.exd5 ♖c8 17.b3 ♗xg5 (17...♘f6 18.♕d3±) 18.♗xg5 f6 19.♗h6 ♖f7 20.♕h5 ♕e7 21.O-O-O±

16.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 17.♗b3 d5 18.♕f3! ♗c5

18...d4 19.♗d2 ♕d7 20.h4±

19.O-O-O ♕e7 20.exd5 ♖fd8 21.♕f5

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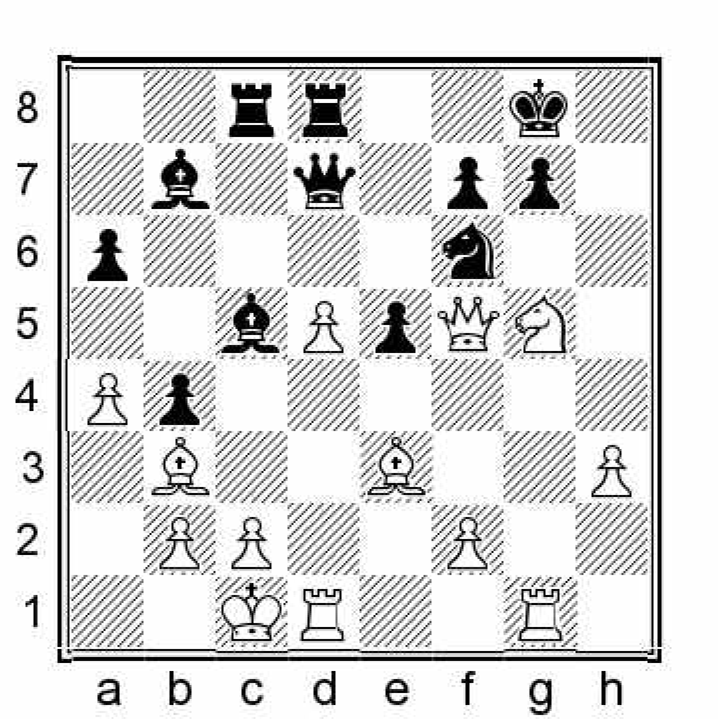
21...♕d7



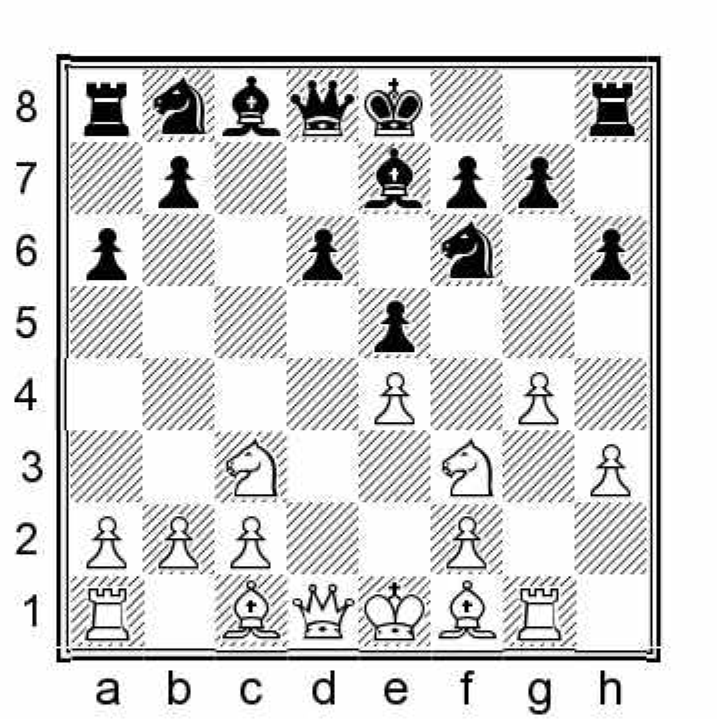
22.♘e6!+- ♘e8

22...fxe6 23.♕xf6 exd5 24.♖xd5!+-

23.♕xe5 1-0

85. B90
Idani, Pouya (2638) - Mishra, Abhimanyu (2524)
Reykjavik 152/85, 2022

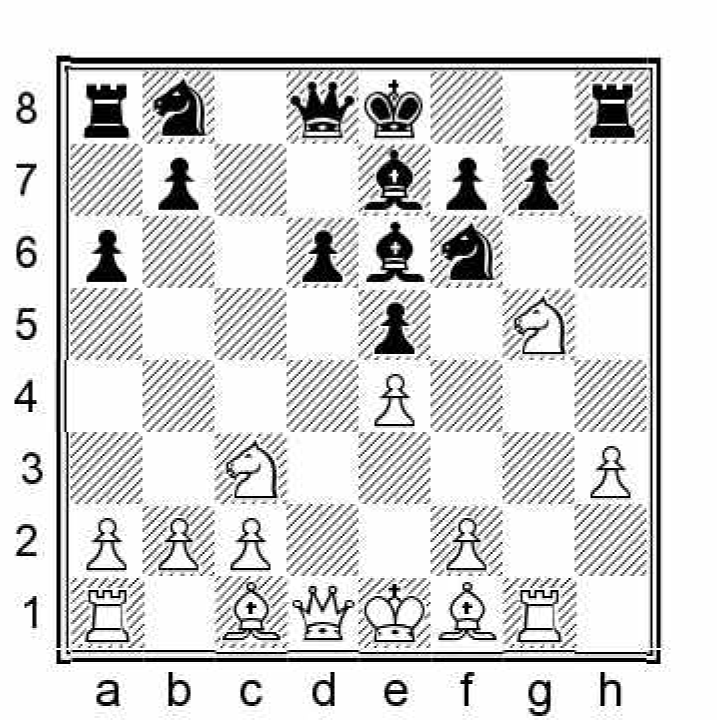
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.g4 h6 9.♖g1



9...♗e6N

9...b5 - 150/(75)

10.g5 hxg5 11.♘xg5



11...♘c6! 12.♘xe6 fxe6 13.♖xg7 ♕b6 14.a4

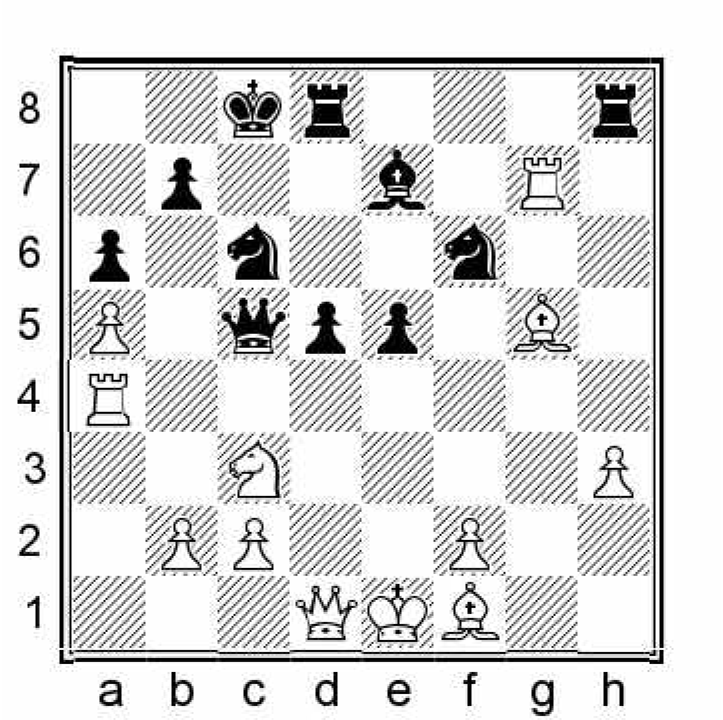
14.♕d3 ♘h5 15.♖g4 ♘b4 16.♕e2 ♘c6=∞

14...♕b4 15.a5 d5 16.♖a4

16.exd5 exd5 17.♗d2 (17.♖a4 ♕c5 - 16.Ra4) 17...O-O-O 18.♘xd5 ♖xd5 19.♗xb4 ♗xb4+ 20.c3

♖xd1+ 21.♖xd1 ♘h5 22.♖f7 ♗xa5∞

16...♕c5 17.exd5 exd5 18.♗g5 O-O-O=∞



19.♗xf6?

19.♗xa6! bxa6 (19...♖xh3 20.♗f1 ♖xc3! 21.bxc3 ♘e4 22.♖xe4 dxe4 23.♕g4+ ♔b8 24.♗d2 ♕d5 25.♕e2 ♕xa5=) 20.♕e2 ♔b8 21.♕xa6 ♖d6! 22.♗xf6 (22.♕d3 ♖e6∞) 22...♖xf6 23.♖xe7 ♕xf2+ 24.♔d1 ♕g1+ 25.♔d2 ♕g5+ 26.♔d1 ♕g1+=

19...♗xf6 20.♖f7 ♗e7 21.♗g2 e4 22.♖f5 ♖hf8

22...♖hg8 23.♖xd5 (23.♔f1 ♖gf8 24.♘xe4 dxe4 25.♕xd8+ ♘xd8-+) 23...♖xg2! 24.♖xc5 ♖xd1+ 25.♘xd1 ♗xc5-+

23.♘xe4 dxe4 24.♖xc5 ♖xd1+ 25.♔xd1 ♗xc5 26.♗xe4 ♗xf2-+ 27.♗xc6 bxc6 28.c3 ♗g3 29.♖c4 ♖f6 30.b4 ♔d7 31.♔c2 ♖h6

31...♗e5 32.♖e4 ♖f5

32.♖d4+ ♔c7 33.♖g4 ♖xh3 34.♖g7+ ♔b8 35.♖g8+ ♔b7 36.♖g7+ ♗c7 37.c4 ♖e3 38.♖h7 ♔c8 39.♖h5 ♖e5 40.♖h8+ ♔b7 41.♖h7 ♔c8 42.♖h8+ ♗d8 43.♔b3 ♔d7 44.♖h7+ ♗e7 45.♖h8 ♖e3+ 46.♔a4 ♖c3 47.c5 ♗g5 0-1

86. B90
Saric, Ivan (2644) - Aczel, Gergely (2556)
Slovensko 152/86, 2022

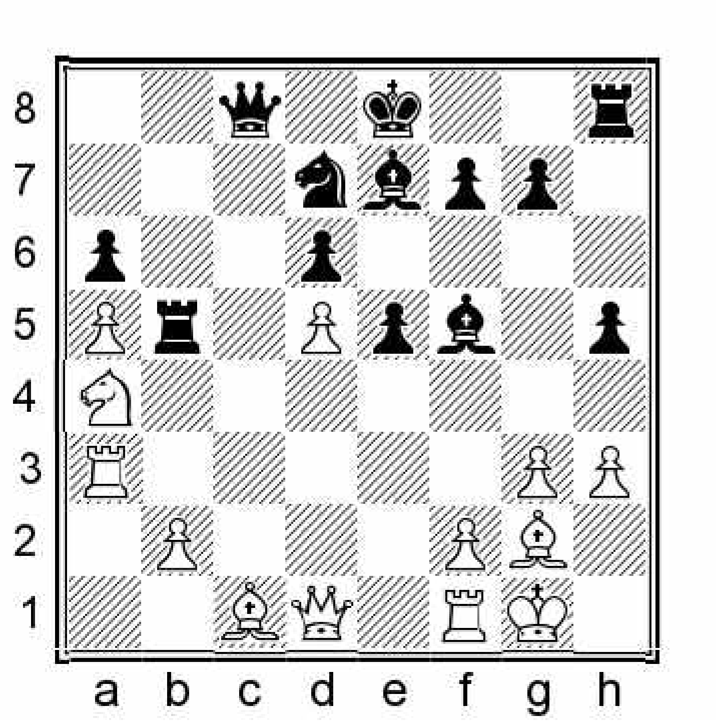
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2 h5 8.g3 ♗e6 9.♗g2 b5 10.a4 b4 11.♘d5 ♘xd5 12.exd5 ♗f5 13.c3 bxc3 14.♘xc3 ♗e7 15.a5

15.O-O - 133/88

15...♘d7 16.O-O ♖b8 17.♖a3 ♕c8

17...h4 18.g4 ♗g6 19.♕e2 O-O 20.♗e3 ♘c5! 21.♗xc5 dxc5 22.♕xa6 (22.♖a4 e4 (22...♕d6 23.♖e1 e4 24.♗xe4 ♗xe4 25.♕xe4 ♗d8∞) 23.♘xe4 ♗xe4 24.♖xe4 ♗d6 25.♕xa6 ♖a8 26.♕d3 ♖xa5=∞) 22...♖xb2 23.♘e4 c4 24.♖a4 ♗b4 25.d6 ♕d7 (25...♗xe4 26.♗xe4 ♗xd6 27.♕xc4 ♗b8=) 26.♖aa1 c3∞

18.♘a4 ♖b5



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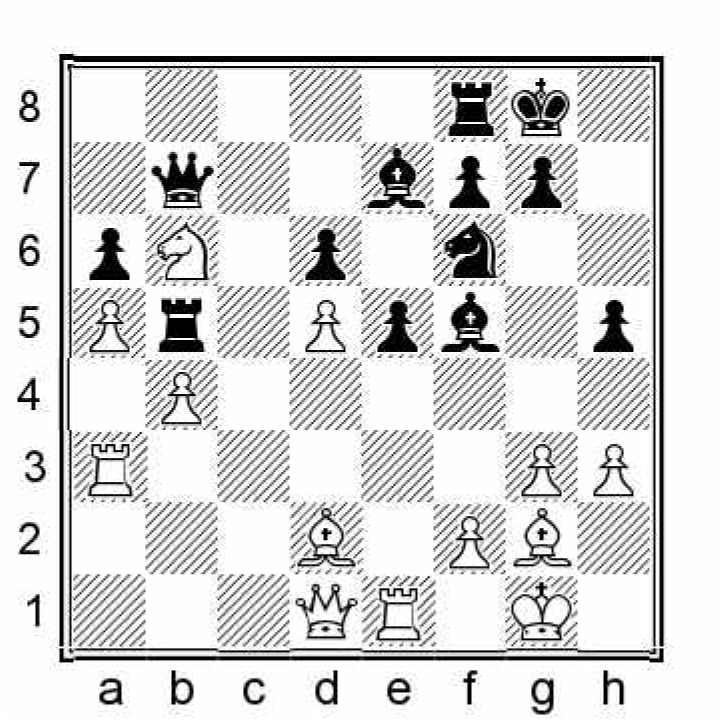
19.♖c3 ♕b8 20.♖c6 ♗d8 21.♗d2 ♗xa5 22.♗xa5 ♖xa5 23.♕f3 g6 24.♕c3 ♖xa4 25.♖c8+ ♔e7 26.♖xb8 ♖xb8=∞; 19.♖e1 O-O 20.♗f1 ♖b4 21.♕d2 ♖d4 22.♕c3 ♕b7∞

19...O-O 20.b4 ♘f6

20...e4!? 21.♕e2 (21.♗c3 ♕b7 22.♘b6 ♘xb6 23.axb6 ♗d8 24.♕xh5 ♖xd5 25.♖a5 ♗xb6 26.g4 ♗e6 27.♖xd5 ♗xd5 28.♗xg7 ♔xg7 29.♕g5+ ♔h7=) 21...♖xd5 22.♗e3 ♕b8 23.♕xa6 ♕xb4 24.♘b6 ♖b5∞

21.♘b6 ♕b7 22.♖e1



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22...♗d8! 23.♘c4?!

23.♖f3 ♗e4 (23...♗g6 24.♘c4 ♕d7∞) 24.♖xf6 ♗xg2 25.♖xd6 ♗xb6 26.♖xb6 ♖xb6 27.axb6 ♗xd5 28.♖xe5 ♗f3 29.♕e1 ♕xb6=

23...♕d7 24.♗g5?!

24.h4 ♘xd5 25.♘e3 ♘xe3 26.♖axe3 ♗h3 27.♗xh3 (27.♗e4 ♗f5 28.♗g2 ♗h3=) 27...♕xh3 28.♕xh5 ♕e6=

24...♖xb4 25.♗xf6 ♖xc4

25...♗xf6!? 26.♘b6 ♕b5 27.♕xh5 g6 28.♕d1 ♗g5∓

26.♗xd8 ♖xd8 27.♕xh5 ♖c5 28.g4

28.♗f1 ♖b8 29.♗xa6 ♖a8 30.♗f1 ♖cxa5 31.♖xa5 ♖xa5∓

28...♗g6 29.♕g5 ♖b8∓ 30.h4?!

30.♖aa1 ♕c7 31.♖ec1 ♗c2∓

30...♖b4 31.♖g3 ♖cc4 32.♗h3 ♗e4

32...♖f4! 33.h5 ♗e4 34.h6 g6-+

33.h5 ♗xd5

33...f6! 34.♕d2 (34.♕e3 ♗xd5-+) 34...♕b7-+

34.h6 f6 35.♕h5?!

35.♕f5 ♗e6 (35...♕xf5 36.gxf5 ♖c7 37.♗g2 ♗xg2 38.♔xg2 d5∓) 36.♕g6 ♕f7 37.♕d3 ♖d4 38.♕xa6 gxh6∓

35...♗f7 36.g5

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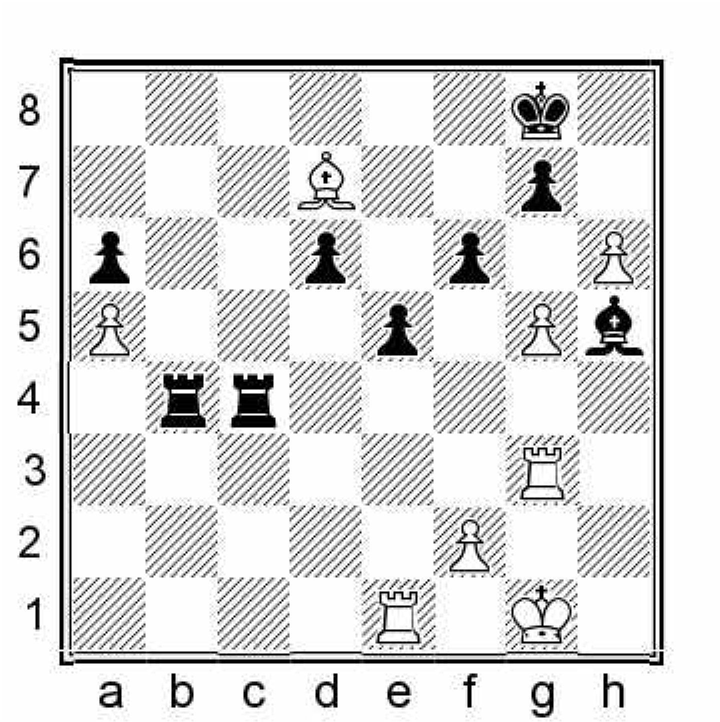
36...♗xh5 37.♗xd7



37...♔h7! 38.♗f5+

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38...g6 39.♗d3 ♖f4-+ 40.♖a1

40.♗xa6 ♖a4 41.gxf6 ♖xa5 42.♗b7 ♖xf6-+

40...fxg5 41.♗xa6 ♗f3 42.♗f1 g4 43.♗g2 ♖a4 44.♖xa4 ♖xa4 45.♗xf3 gxf3 46.♖xf3 ♖xa5 47.♖d3

47.♖f6 ♖d5

47...d5 48.♖h3 ♖a1+ 49.♔g2 d4 50.♖b3 ♔xh6 51.♖b5 ♖e1 52.f3 ♔g5 53.♔f2 ♖e3 54.♖b8 e4 55.fxe4 ♖xe4 56.♖d8 ♔g4 57.♖d6 g5 58.♖d5 ♔f4 59.♖d8 ♔e5 60.♖d7 ♖f4+ 61.♔e2 ♔f5 0-1

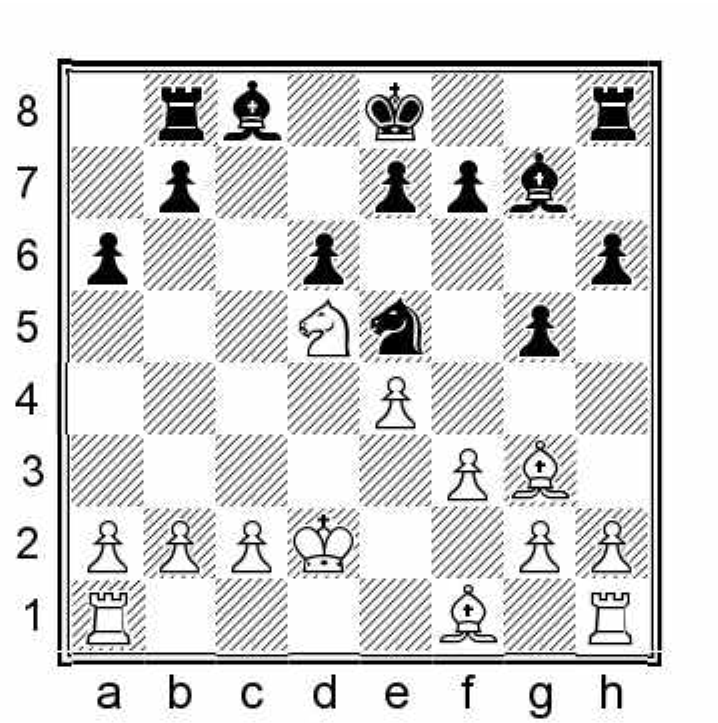
87. B90
Ponomariov, Ruslan (2636) - Kulaots, Kaido (2527)
Terme Catez 152/87, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗g5 h6 8.♗h4 g5 9.♗g3 ♗g7

10.♕d2 ♘c6 11.♘b3 ♘ge5 12.f3 ♘a5

12...b5 - 75/233

13.♘xa5 ♕xa5 14.♘d5 ♕xd2+ 15.♔xd2 ♖b8



16.h4N

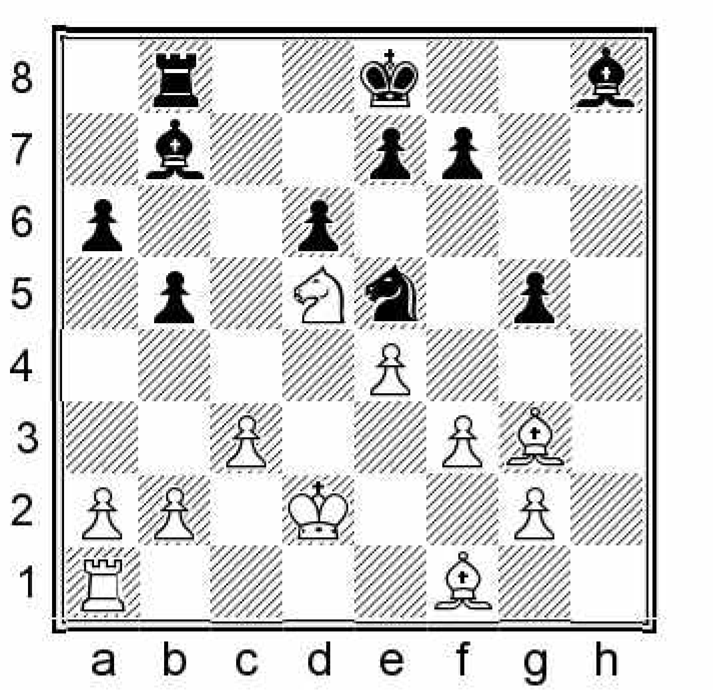
16.♗f2

16...b5

16...g4! 17.♗e2 (17.f4?! ♘d7 18.c3 b5 19.♗d3 ♗b7∓) 17...h5 18.c3 gxf3 (18...♗d7 19.a4 e6 20.♘b6 ♗h6+ 21.♔e1 f5 22.exf5 exf5 23.♖d1 f4 24.♗f2 ♗c6∞) 19.gxf3 ♗e6 20.♔c2 ♔d7 21.a4 f5∞

17.hxg5 hxg5 18.♖xh8+ ♗xh8 19.c3 e6?!

19...♗b7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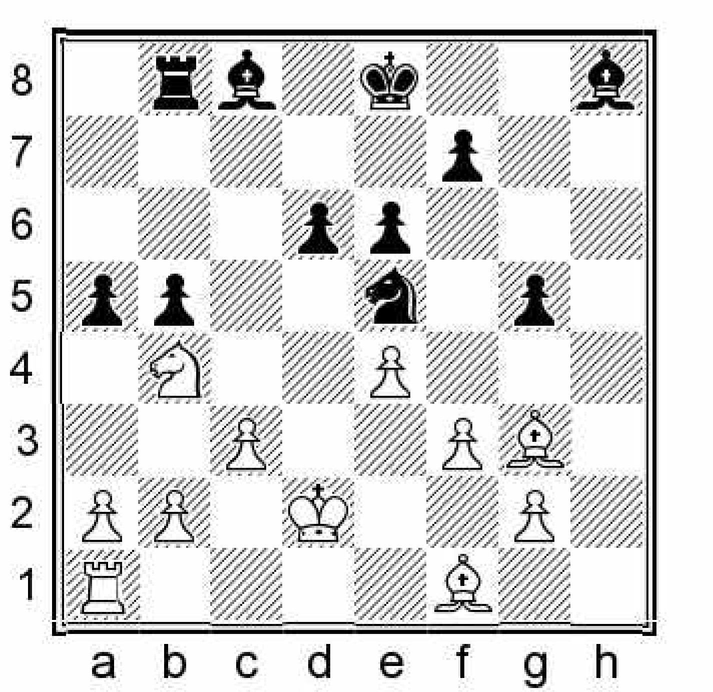
20.♘b4 a5?!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21.♗xe5! ♗xe5

21...dxe5? 22.♘c6 ♖b6 23.♘xa5+-

22.♘c6 ♖b6 23.♘xe5

23.♘xa5 b4 (23...♗d7 24.a3±) 24.♘c4 bxc3+ 25.bxc3 ♗f4+ 26.♔c2 ♖b8 27.a4±

23...dxe5 24.♗d3 ♔e7

24...♔f8 25.♖h1 ♔g7 26.♖h5 f6 27.b3 ♖b8 28.♔e3±

25.♖h1 ♗d7

⌓25...b4 26.♖h8 (26.c4 ♖c6 27.♖h5 ♔f6 28.♖h8±) 26...bxc3+ 27.♔xc3 ♗a6 28.♗xa6 ♖xa6 29.b3±

26.♖h8 ♗e8 27.a3

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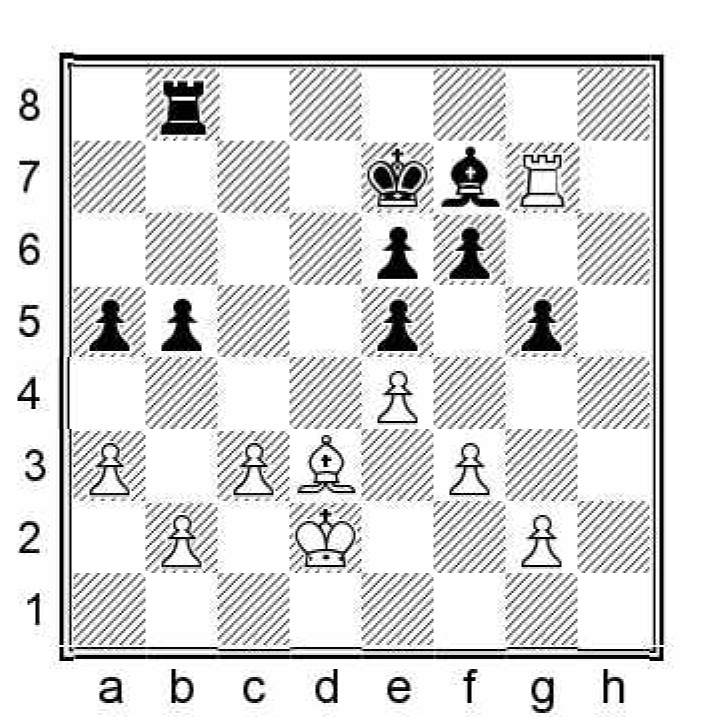
27...♖b8 28.♖g8 f6 29.♖g7+ ♗f7



30.♖h7!± ♖b6

30...a4 31.♔c2 ♔f8 32.b4 axb3+ 33.♔xb3±

31.♗e2

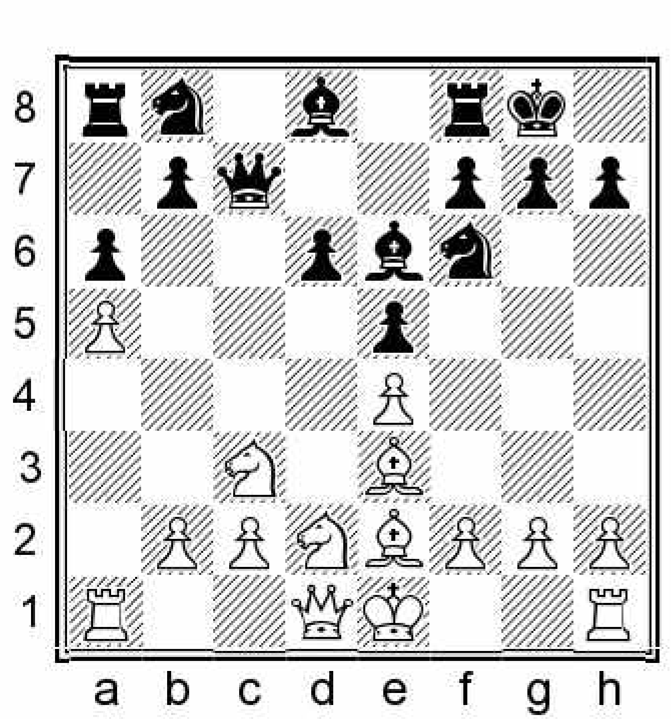
31.♔c2 ♖b8 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 ♖b6 34.g4+-

31...♖b8 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 ♖b7 34.g4 ♖b8 35.c4+- bxc4 36.♔c3 ♖a8 37.♗xc4 ♖a3+ 38.♗b3 ♖a7 39.b5 ♔d6 40.♔b4 ♖e7 41.b6 1-0

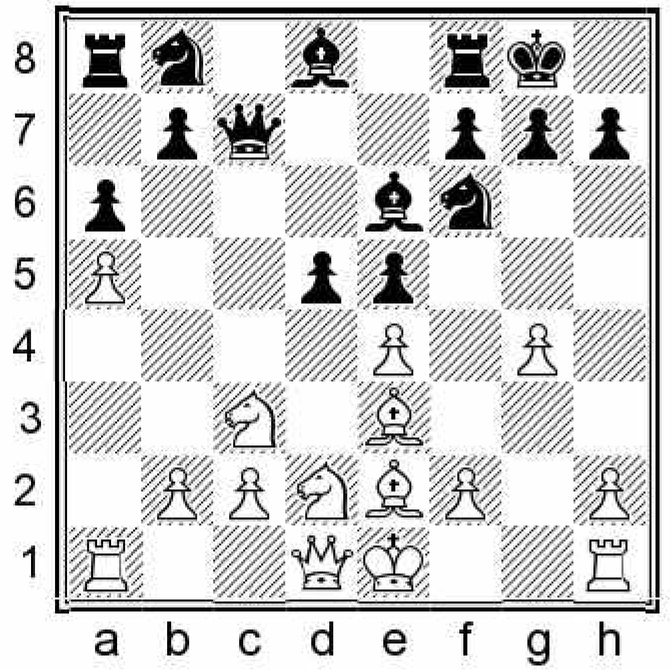
88. * B90
Nestorovic, Nikola (2456) - Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701)
Deutschland 152/88, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘f3 ♕c7 8.a4 h6

8...♗e7 9.a5 O-O 10.♗e2 ♗d8 (10...♘c6 - 122/78) 11.♘d2 (11.♘d5 ♘xd5 12.exd5 ♗g4 (12...f5 13.♘d2 ♘d7 14.f3 ♗h4+ (14...♘f6 15.c4±) 15.g3 ♗f6 16.O-O b6 17.axb6 ♘xb6 18.c4 a5∞) 13.O-O ♘d7 14.c4 f5∞; 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♗b6 ♕e7 (12...♕d7 13.♗xd8 ♕xd8∞) 13.♘d5 ♘xd5 14.♗xd8 ♘xd8 15.exd5 f5 16.♘d2 ♘f7∞) 11...♗e6



12.g4?!N (12.♘b3 ♕d7 (12...♕c6 13.♗f3 b5 14.axb6 ♗xb6 15.♗xb6 ♕xb6 16.O-O ♘bd7=) 13.O-O ♘c6 14.♗g5 ♖c8 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♘d5 ♗d8=) 12...d5



13.g5? (13.exd5=) 13...d4 14.gxf6 ♗xf6 (14...dxc3 15.bxc3 ♗xf6-+) 15.♗xd4 exd4 16.♘d5 ♗xd5 17.exd5 ♕e5 18.O-O ♕xd5∓ Ponkratov,P (2635)-Sarana,A (2675) chess.com (Int. -rapid) 152/(88)

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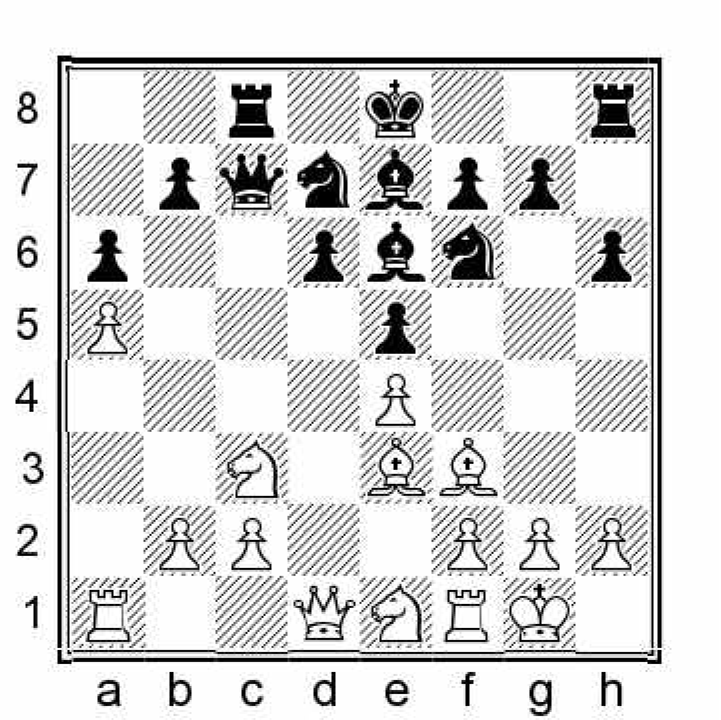
9.a5 ♗e6 10.♗e2

10.♘d5 - 102/(184)

10...♘bd7 11.O-O ♖c8 12.♘e1

12.♘d5!? ♘xd5 (12...♕xc2?? 13.♖c1+-; 12...♗xd5 13.exd5 g6 14.c4 ♗g7 15.b4±) 13.exd5 ♗g4 14.c4 ♗e7 15.b4 O-O 16.♘d2 ♗xe2 17.♕xe2 f5 18.f3±

12...♗e7 13.♗f3



13...♕b8N

13...O-O

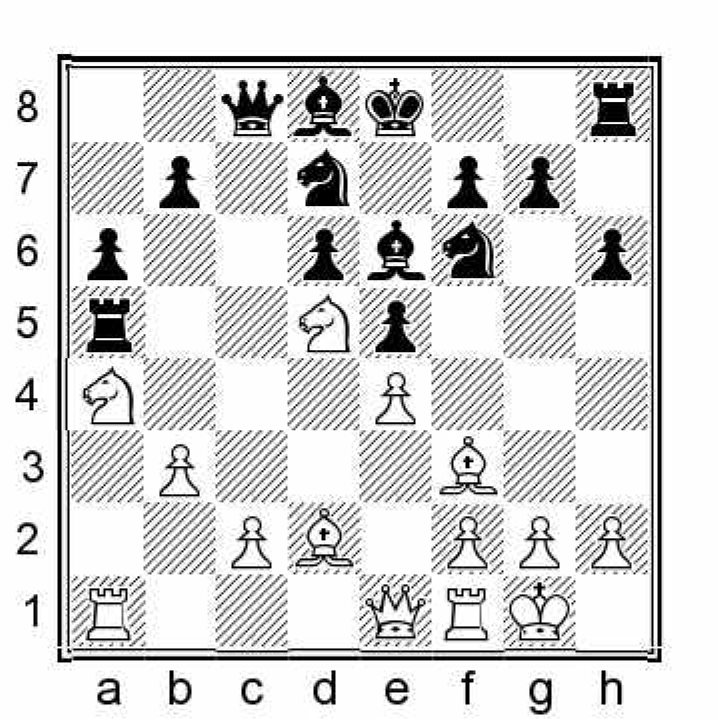
14.♘d3

14.♘d5 ♗d8 15.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 16.b3 O-O 17.c4 b6 18.axb6 ♗xb6 19.♖xa6 ♗xe3 20.fxe3 ♖fd8=∞

14...♖c4 15.♗d2 ♕c8 16.♕e1 ♗d8 17.b3 ♖c6 18.♘b4 ♖c5 19.♘a4

19.♘d3 ♖xa5 20.♘a4 ♖xa4 21.bxa4 (21.♖xa4 ♕xc2∓) 21...b6 (21...♕xc2 22.♖a3 O-O=∞) 22.♗b4 ♗e7 23.♗a3 O-O 24.♕e2 a5=∞

19...♖xa5 20.♘d5



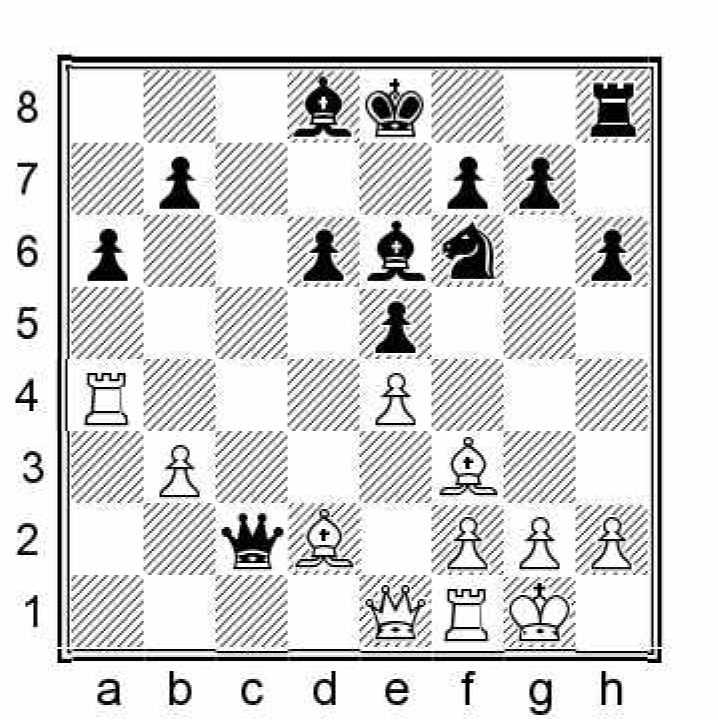
20...♖xa4!

20...♖xd5!? 21.exd5 ♘xd5 22.c4 (22.♕d1 ♗e7 23.c4 ♘5f6 24.♖e1 O-O 25.♘c3 ♖e8⩱) 22...♘e7 (22...♘5f6 23.♗b4 ♗e7 24.♘c3 O-O 25.♕e3±) 23.♗b4 ♘f5 24.♗e4±

21.♘xf6+

21.bxa4 ♗xd5 22.exd5 ♗b6⩱; 21.♖xa4 ♗xd5 22.exd5 ♕xc2 23.♗e3 O-O 24.♕b4 ♕c7 25.♖c1 ♕b8 26.♖a2 ♗e7⩱

21...♘xf6 22.♖xa4 ♕xc2



23.♕c1?!

23.♕e3 ♕c7 24.♖c1 ♕b8 25.♖a2 O-O 26.♖ac2 ♖e8 27.h3 ♗d7=∞

23...♕xc1 24.♖xc1 ♗d7 25.♖a2 ♔e7∓ 26.♗b4 ♗b6 27.♖d2 ♘e8 28.♖cd1 ♗c6 29.♔f1 h5

29...♗d4 30.♖xd4 exd4 31.♖xd4 f5∓

30.h4

30.♗xd6+ ♘xd6 31.♖xd6 ♗d4 32.♖1xd4 exd4 33.♖xd4 a5 34.♔e2 b5∓

30...♖h6 31.♖c2 ♘c7 32.♗d2 ♖h8 33.♗b4 ♘b5 34.♗c3 g6 35.♗b2 a5

35...♘d4 36.♗xd4 ♗xd4 37.♖dc1 ♗c5-+

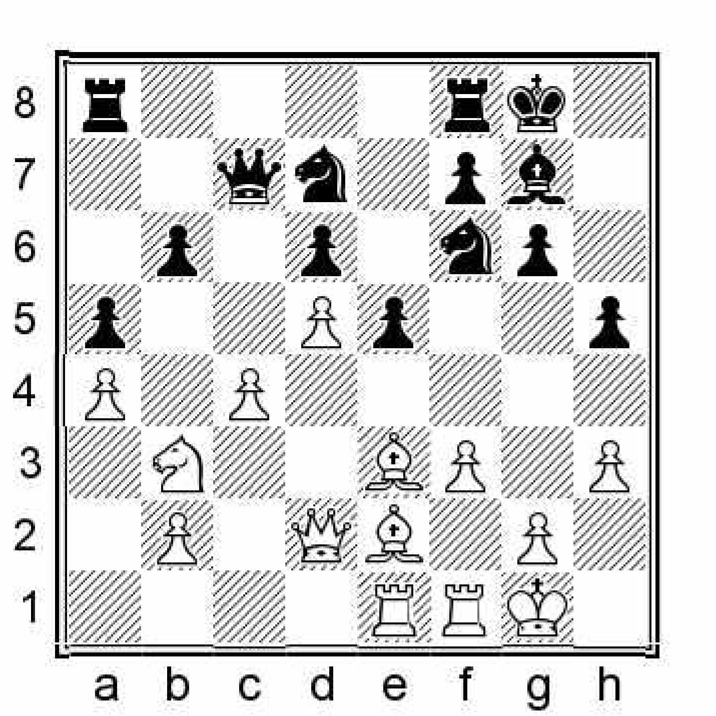
36.♖cc1 ♗d4 37.♖c2 ♖a8 38.♗c1 ♘c3 39.♖e1 b5-+ 40.♗e3 b4 41.♗xd4 ♗b5+ 42.♔g1 exd4 43.♖d2 d3 44.♗d1 ♘b1 45.♖b2 d2 0-1

89. B90
Ter Sahakyan, Samvel (2632) - Muradli, Mahammad (2537)
Terme Catez 152/89, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 h5 9.♘d5 ♗xd5 10.exd5 ♘bd7 11.♕d2 g6 12.♗e2 ♕c7 13.c4 a5 14.a4

14.♖d1 - 118/(78)

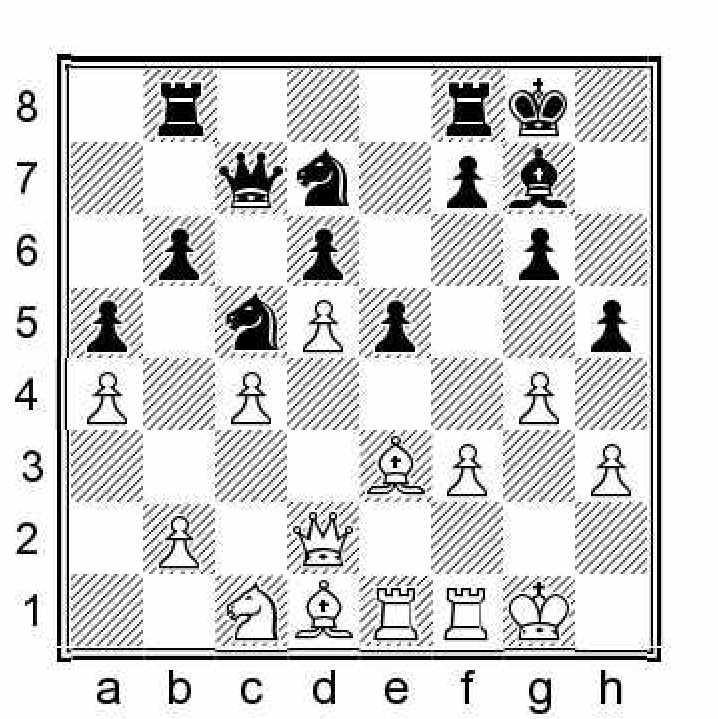
14...b6 15.O-O ♗g7 16.♖ae1 O-O 17.h3



17...♖ab8N

17...♘c5; 17...h4 18.♗g5 ♘h5 19.♗xh4 ♘f4 20.g3 ♘xe2+ 21.♕xe2 ♗h6=∞

18.♘c1 ♘c5 19.♗d1 ♘fd7 20.g4



20...f5?!

20...hxg4! 21.hxg4 f5 22.gxf5 (22.♖e2 ♔f7 23.♗c2 f4 24.♗xc5 ♘xc5 25.♖h2 ♖h8∞) 22...gxf5 23.♖f2 f4 24.♗xc5 ♘xc5 25.♗c2 ♔f7 (25...e4!? 26.♗xe4 (26.fxe4? ♗e5 27.♖g2+ ♔f7 28.♖f1 ♔e8 29.♖f3 ♖h8∓) 26...♖be8 27.♖fe2 ♕d8 28.♕c2 ♕h4 (28...♖e5 29.♗h7+ ♔h8 30.♖xe5 ♗xe5 31.♕h2 ♔g7 32.♖e2 ♖h8 33.♖g2+ ♔f7 34.♕h5+ ♔e7∞) 29.♗h7+ ♔h8 30.♖xe8 ♗d4+ 31.♔g2 ♕g3+ 32.♔h1 ♕xf3+ (32...♕h3+=) 33.♕g2 ♕h5+ 34.♕h2 ♕f3+=) 26.♖h2 ♖h8 27.♕g2 ♖bg8 28.♗g6+ ♔f8 29.♕g4 ♗f6 30.♖xh8 ♖xh8 31.♘d3 ♕d7 32.♕xd7 ♘xd7 33.♖e2 ♗h4 34.♗f5 ♘f6=

21.gxh5 gxh5 22.♔h2 f4 23.♗xc5 ♘xc5 24.♗c2 e4?!

24...♗f6 25.♖g1+ ♔f7 26.♘e2 ♖g8 27.♗f5±

25.♗xe4 ♖be8 26.♗b1 ♖e3

26...♕f7 27.♖e2 ♖xe2+ 28.♘xe2 ♘b3 29.♕d1 ♕e7 30.♗c2 ♖e8 31.♖f2 ♘c5 32.♖g2±

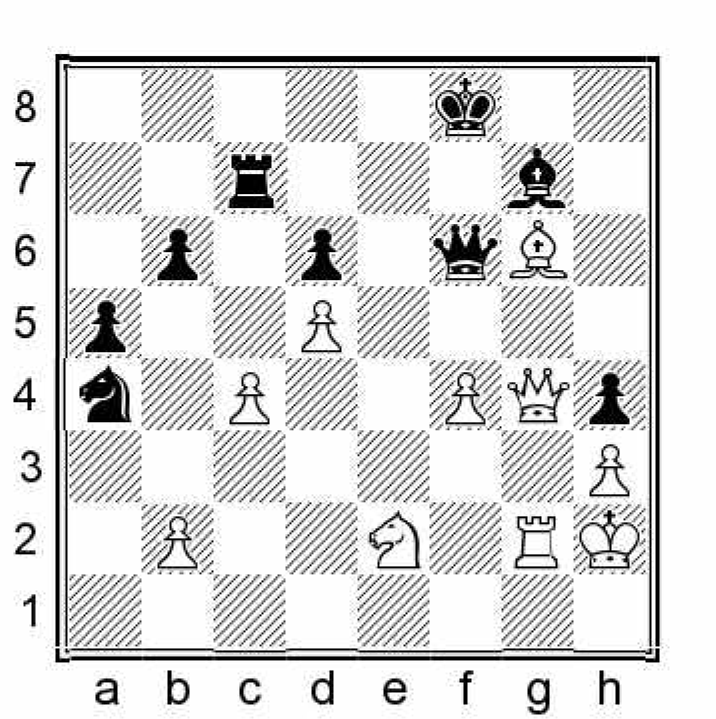
27.♖xe3 fxe3 28.♕xe3 ♕f7 29.f4 ♖e8 30.♕f3 ♔f8 31.♘e2

31.♕g3! ♕f6 32.♗g6 ♖e7 33.b3 ♕b2+ 34.♔h1±

31...♕f6

31...♘b3 32.♖d1 ♕f6 33.♘c3 ♗h6 34.♔g2 ♖e7 35.♕xh5 ♗xf4 36.♕f5±

32.♖f2 h4 33.♖g2 ♘xa4 34.♗g6 ♖e7 35.♕g4 ♖c7



36.♘d4! ♕xd4

36...♘c5 37.♖e2 ♔g8 38.♘f5 a4 39.♖e8+ ♗f8 40.♔h1+-

37.♖e2+- ♗e5 38.fxe5 ♕xg4

38...dxe5 39.♗e4 ♘c5 40.♖g2 ♖f7 41.♕xh4

39.hxg4 ♔e7

39...dxe5 40.b3 ♘c5 41.♖xe5 ♘xb3 42.d6 ♖d7 43.♖e8+ ♔g7 44.♖e7+ ♖xe7 45.dxe7

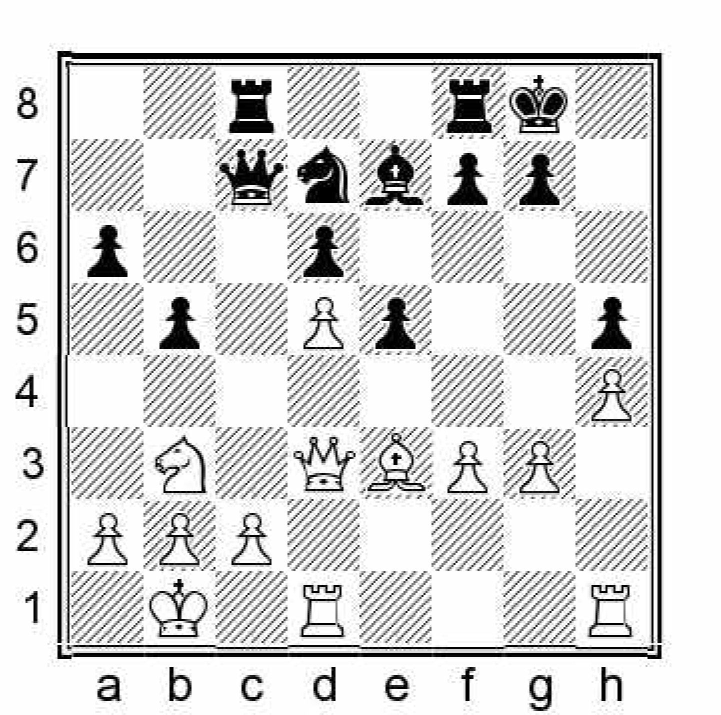
40.e6 ♖xc4 41.♖f2 ♖xg4 42.♖f7+ ♔e8 43.♗d3 ♖b4 44.♖h7 1-0

90. B90
Xiong, Jeffery (2686) - Nyzhnyk, Illya (2674)
Saint Louis 152/90, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 h5 9.♕d2 ♘bd7 10.O-O-O ♕c7 11.♔b1 ♖c8 12.g3 ♗e7 13.h4

13.♘d5 - 114/76

13...b5 14.♘d5 ♘xd5 15.exd5 ♗f5 16.♗d3 ♗xd3 17.♕xd3 O-O



18.♖he1N

18.g4 hxg4 19.fxg4 ♕c4∞

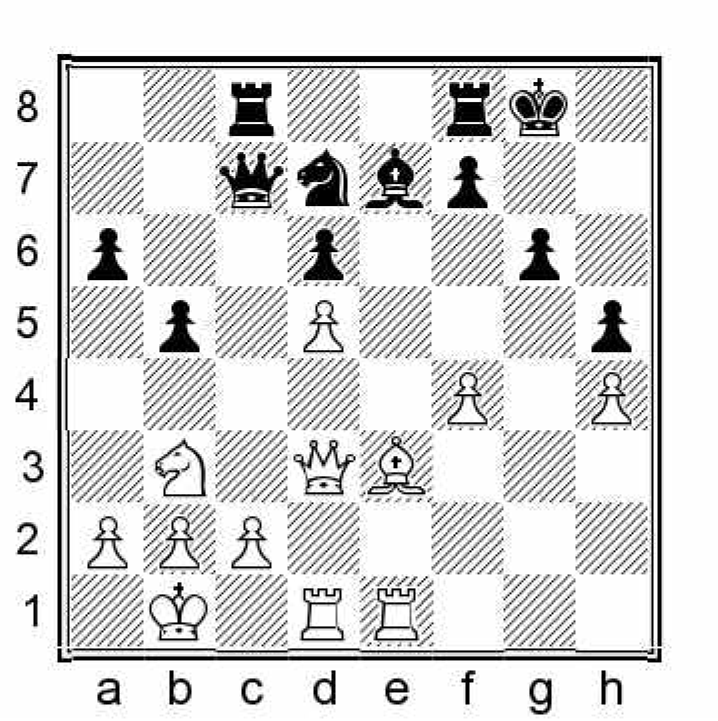
18...g6

18...f5 19.♕d2 ♗d8 (19...♗f6∞) 20.f4 ♕c4 21.fxe5 dxe5∞; 18...♗d8!? 19.♗d2 ♕c4∞

19.f4?!

19.g4 hxg4 (19...♘f6 20.g5 ♘d7 21.♘d2±) 20.fxg4 ♕c4 21.♕d2 ♕xg4 22.h5 (22.♘a5 ♕h5 (22...f5 23.♘c6 ♗f6 24.♖g1 ♕h5 25.♖xg6+ ♕xg6 26.♖g1 ♕xg1+ 27.♗xg1±) 23.♘c6 ♖fe8 24.♕a5 ♗f8 25.♕xa6 f5 26.♖g1 f4 27.♗d2 ♘f6∞) 22...♕xh5 23.♖h1 ♗h4 24.♕b4 ♖c4 25.♕xd6 ♘f6 26.♖c1±

19...exf4 20.gxf4



20.♗xf4 ♗f6 21.c3 ♖fe8 22.a3 ♗g7 23.♘d4 ♘e5 24.♕f1 ♕d7∓

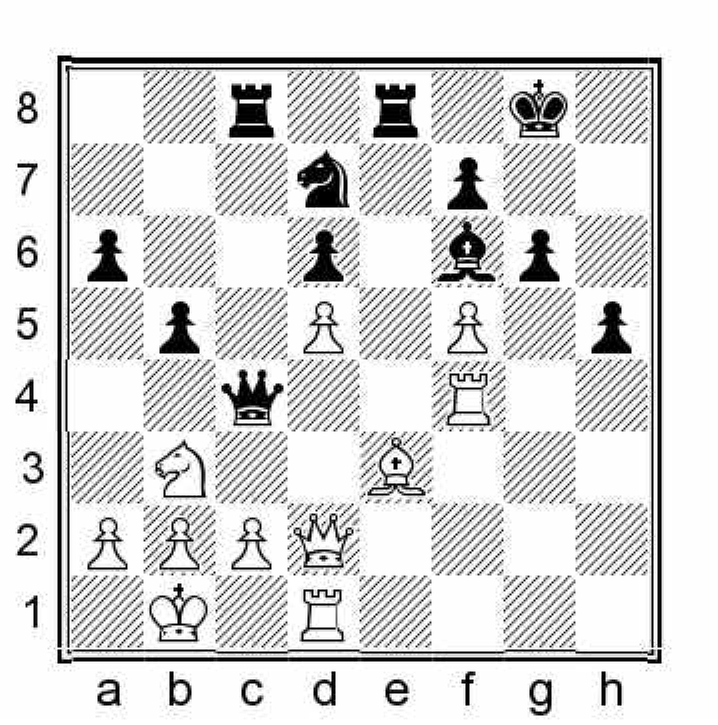
20...♕c4!

20...♗xh4?! 21.♖g1 ♗f6 22.♗d4 ♔g7 23.♖g2 ♖fe8 24.♕f3±

21.♕d2

21.♗f2 ♕xd3 22.♖xd3 ♗f6∓

21...♗xh4 22.♖f1 ♖fe8 23.f5 ♗f6∓ 24.♖f4



24...♕xc2+! 25.♕xc2 ♖xc2 26.♔xc2 ♖xe3 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.♘d2 ♔g7

28...♗e5 29.♖f3 ♖e2 30.♖df1 ♖g2 31.♖3f2 ♖xf2 32.♖xf2 ♔g7 33.♘e4 ♘f6-+

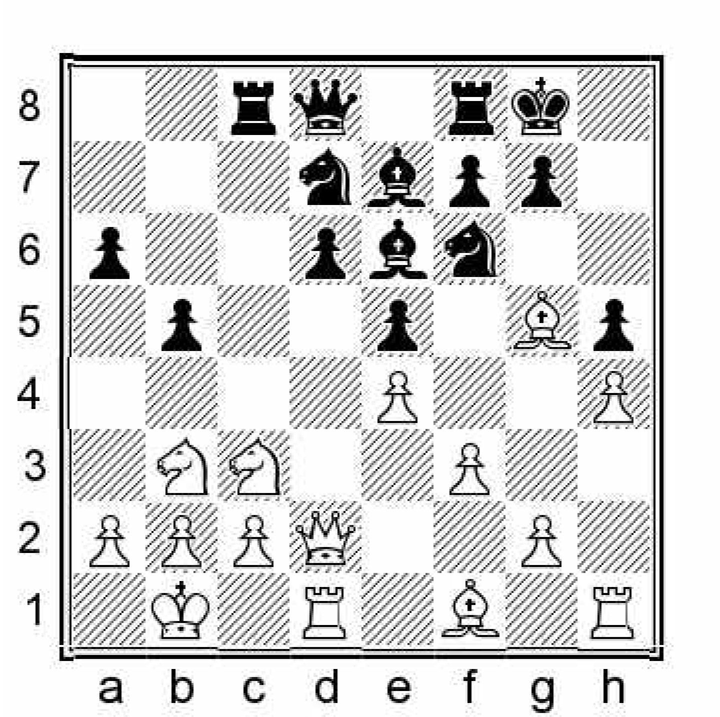
29.♖df1

29.♖e4 ♖xe4 30.♘xe4 ♗e5-+

29...♖e2 30.♔d1 ♖e7-+ 31.♘e4 ♗e5 32.♖4f3 ♘b6 33.♖a3 ♗xb2 34.♖xa6 ♘xd5 0-1

91. B90
Mista, Aleksander (2541) - Mishra, Abhimanyu (2505)
Charlotte 152/91, 2022

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.f3 ♗e6 9.♕d2 h5 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.♔b1 ♖c8 12.h4 b5 13.♗g5 O-O



14.g4N

14.a3 - 141/72

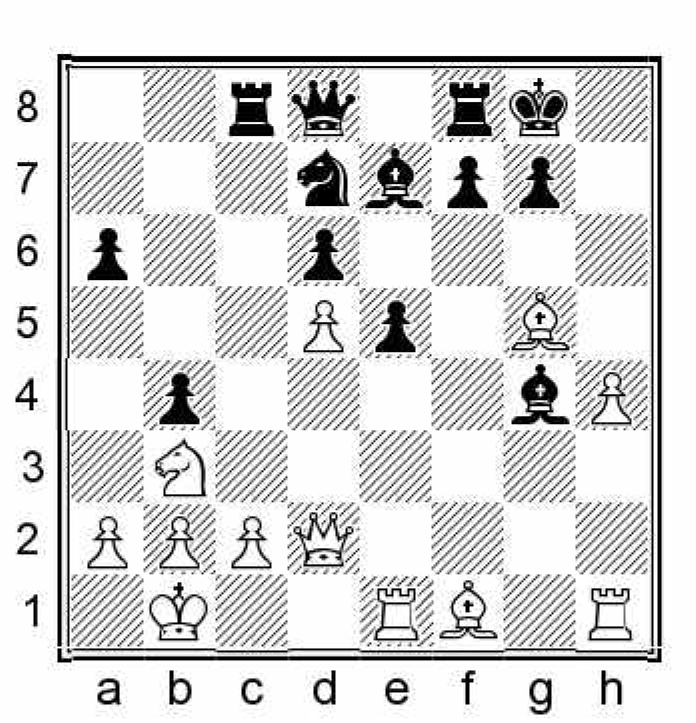
14...hxg4 15.fxg4 ♗xg4

15...b4 16.♘d5 ♘xd5 17.exd5 ♗xg4 18.♗xa6 (18.♖c1 ♘c5 19.♘xc5 ♖xc5 20.♖g1 f5∓) 18...♗xd1 19.♗xc8 ♗h5 (19...♗f3 20.♖f1 f6 21.♗xd7 ♕xd7 22.♖xf3 ♕g4 23.♕d1 e4 24.♖f1 ♕xd1+ 25.♖xd1 fxg5 26.hxg5 ♗xg5 27.c3 bxc3 28.bxc3 ♗f6 29.♔c2 ♖c8 30.♘d4 ♔f7∞) 20.♗a6 f6 21.♗e3∞

16.♖e1 b4 17.♘d5

17.♘d1 a5 18.♕g2 a4 19.♘d2 ♗e6 20.♗e2 ♔h8∞

17...♘xd5 18.exd5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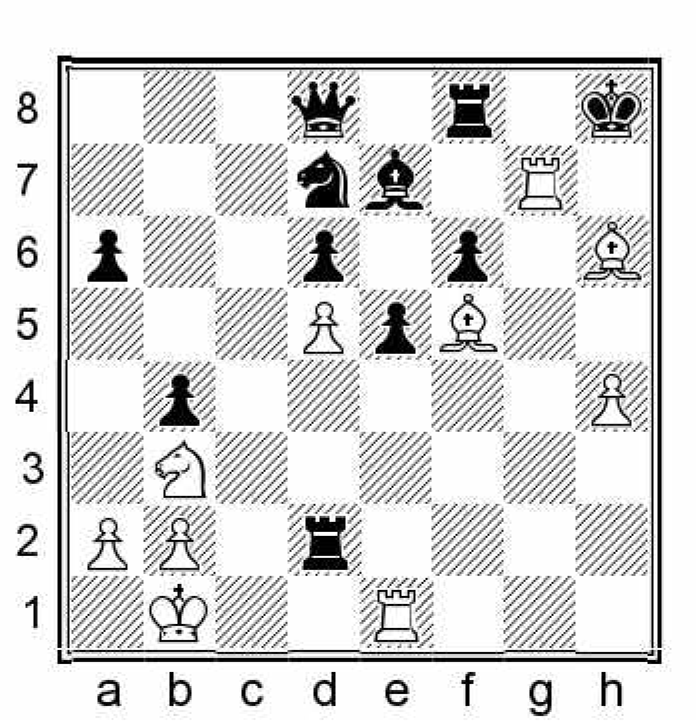
a b c d e f g h

18...f6! 19.♖g1?!

19.♗e3 a5 20.♗a6 ♖a8 21.♗e2 ♗xe2 22.♕xe2 f5 23.♘d2 ♘f6∓

19...♗f5 20.♗h6 ♖xc2 21.♖xg7+ ♔h8 22.♗d3 ♖xd2 23.♗xf5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a b c d e f g h

23...♖g2! 24.♖xg2

24.♘d4 ♖xg7 25.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 26.♘e6+ ♔h6 27.♘xd8 ♖xd8-+

24...♖g8 25.♖eg1 ♖xg2 26.♖xg2 ♗f8 27.♗e3 ♕e8-+ 28.♗g6 ♕c8 29.♘d2 ♕b7 30.♗f7

30.♗e4 ♕b5 31.♖f2 ♘b6

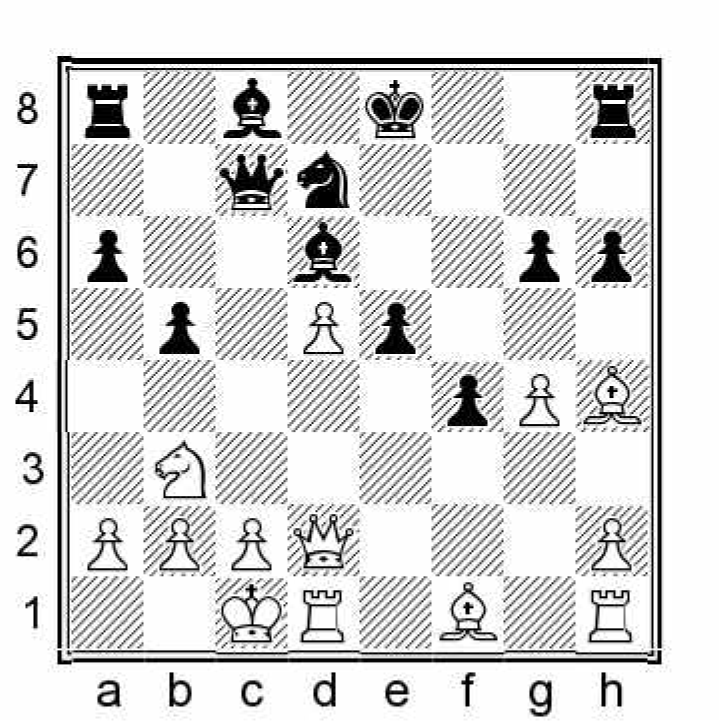
30...♘c5 31.♖g8+ ♔h7 32.♖xf8 ♔g7 33.♖d8 ♕c7 34.♗xc5 ♕xd8 35.♗xb4 ♔xf7 36.♘c4 ♕g8 37.♘xd6+ ♔g6 38.h5+ ♔xh5 39.♘e4 0-1

92. B94
Gadimbayli, Abdulla (2451) - Navara, David (2700)
Terme Catez 152/92, 2022

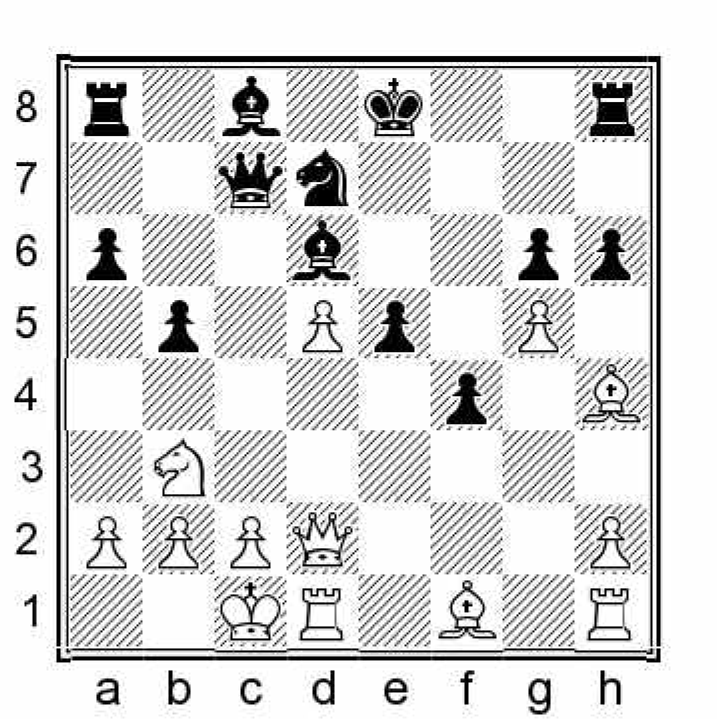
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♕e2 h6 8.♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.O-O-O ♕c7 12.♘b3 b5 13.♘d5 ♘xd5 14.exd5 ♗d6 15.♕d2

15.♘d2 - 138/111

15...f5 16.g4 f4



17.g5?!N



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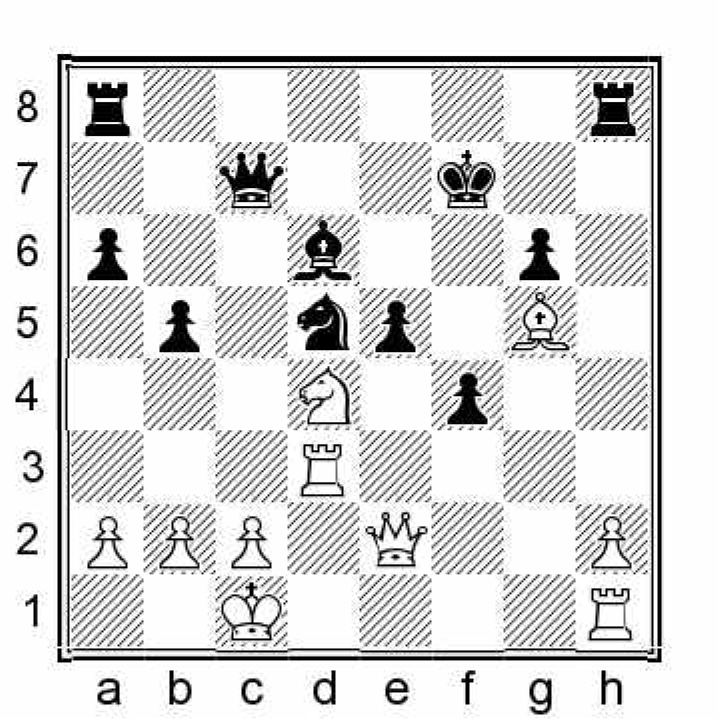
17...hxg5?

17...e4! 18.♘d4 (18.gxh6 O-O 19.♘d4 e3 20.♕g2 ♘e5∓; 18.♕d4 ♘e5 19.♕xe4 ♗f5 20.♕g2 f3 21.♕d2 ♘c4 22.♕c3 O-O 23.♗xc4 ♕xc4 24.♕xc4 bxc4 25.♘d4 ♗f4+ 26.♔b1 hxg5∓) 18...♘e5 19.gxh6 e3 20.♕g2 O-O∓

18.♗xg5 ♘b6 19.♗d3 ♗f5 20.♕e2 ♔f7

20...O-O!? 21.♘d2 (21.♗h6 e4! 22.♗xf8 ♔xf8 23.♗xe4 ♖e8 24.♖d4 ♗e5∓) 21...♖ac8 22.♗xf5 ♖xf5 23.♘e4 ♗f8∞

21.♘d4!? ♗xd3 22.♖xd3 ♘xd5?



22...♖ae8 23.♘e6 ♕c4! 24.b3 ♕c8 25.♖hd1 ♗a3+ 26.♔b1 ♘xd5 27.♖xd5 ♕xe6 28.♖d7+ ♔g8 29.♕e4 (29.b4 ♗xb4 30.♕e4 ♗f8 31.♖c7 ♖h7 32.♖c6 ♕f7 33.♖f6 ♕c4 34.♕xg6+ ♖g7 35.♕xe8 ♕b4+ 36.♔c1 ♕a3+ 37.♔b1 ♕b4+=) 29...♖xh2 30.b4 ♖f8 31.♖d8 ♕f5 32.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 33.♕c6 ♕xg5 34.♕c8+ ♔f7 35.♖d7+ ♕e7 36.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 37.♕b7+ ♔f8 38.♕b8+ ♔f7=

23.♘f5! gxf5

23...♗e7 24.♘xe7 ♘xe7 25.♖hd1 ♖hd8 26.♖xd8 ♖xd8 27.♖xd8 ♕xd8 28.♕xe5+-

24.♖xd5 ♖ae8

24...♖ag8 25.♖hd1 ♖g6 26.h4 ♔g8 27.♕d3 e4 28.♕d4+-; 24...♖ac8 25.♖hd1 f3 26.♕f2+-

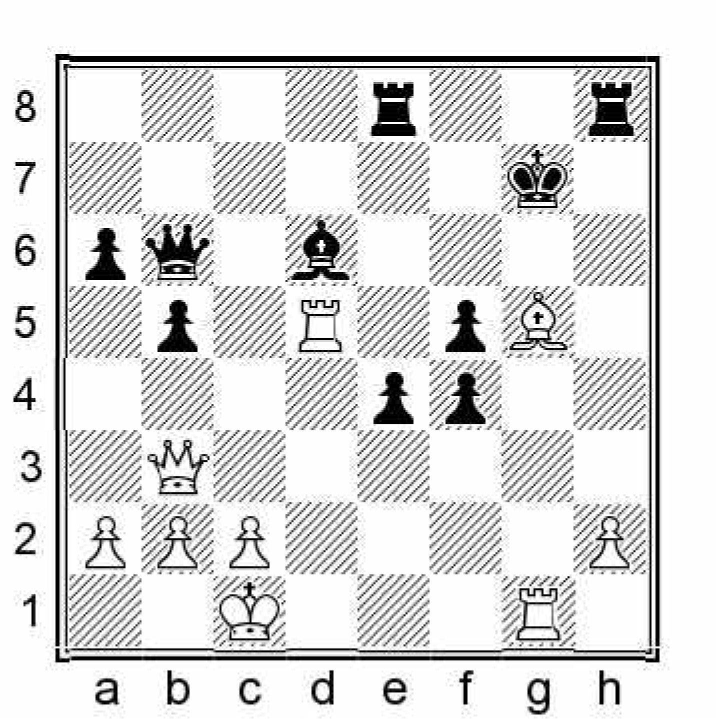
25.♕d3 e4

25...♔e6 26.♖d1 ♖d8 27.♗xd8 ♖xd8 28.♕b3+-

26.♕b3

26.♖xf5+ ♔g6 27.♕d5 ♖e5 28.♖xe5 ♗xe5 29.♕e6+ ♔h7 (29...♔xg5 30.♖g1+ ♔h4 31.♕g4#) 30.♖d1+-

26...♔g7 27.♖g1+- ♕b6



28.♗h6+! ♔h7

28...♔f6 29.♖xd6+! ♕xd6 30.♗g5+ ♔g7 31.♗e7+ ♕g6 32.♖xg6+ ♔xg6 33.♕e6+

29.♖c5! ♗e5 30.♕h3

30.♕f7+ ♔xh6 31.♕xf5

30...♖e6 31.♗xf4+

31.♖c7+ ♕xc7 32.♕xf5+ ♔xh6 33.♕h3#

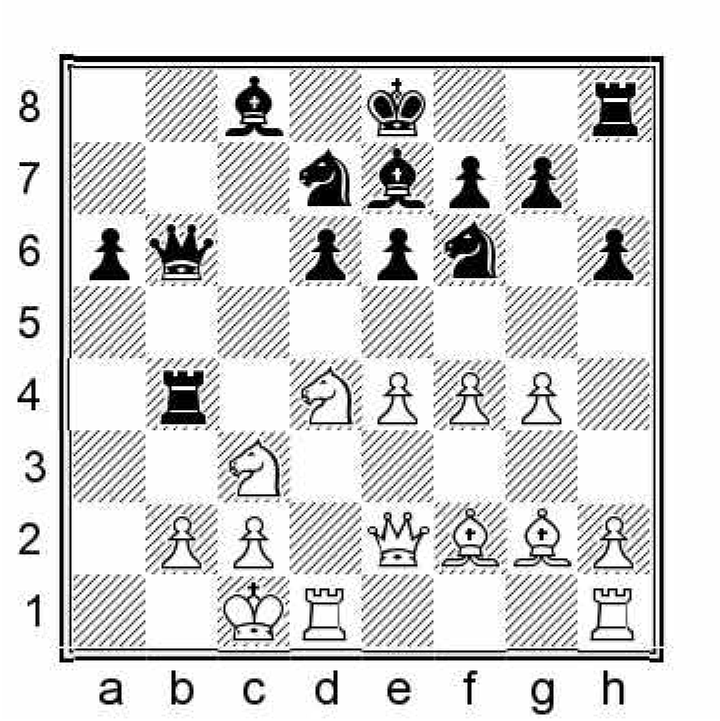
31...♖h6 32.♕xf5+ 1-0

93. B96
Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701) - Sarana, Alexey (2685)
Beograd 152/93, 2022

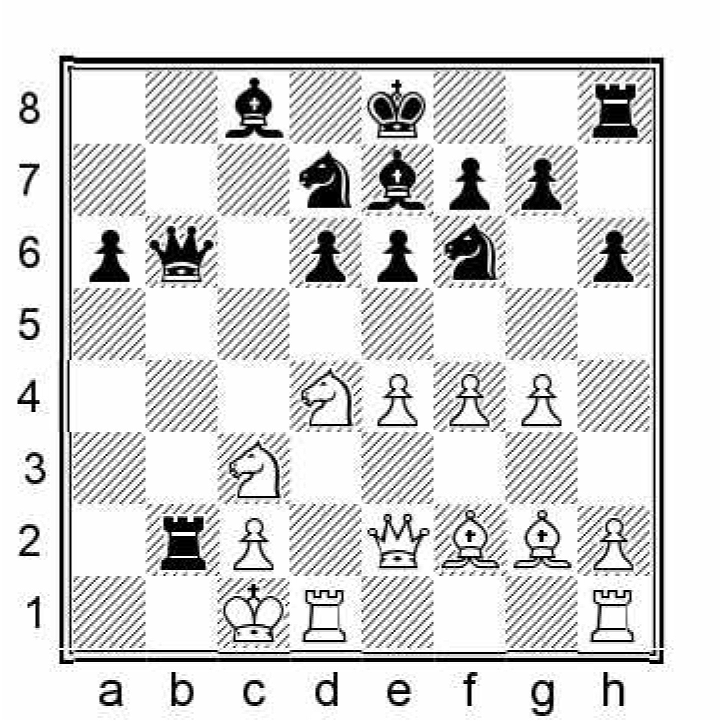
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♘bd7 8.♕e2 ♕c7 9.O-O-O b5 10.a3 ♖b8 11.g4

11.♘d5 - 16/472

11...h6 12.♗h4 ♗e7 13.♗g2 b4 14.axb4 ♖xb4 15.♗e1 ♕b6 16.♗f2



16...♖xb2N

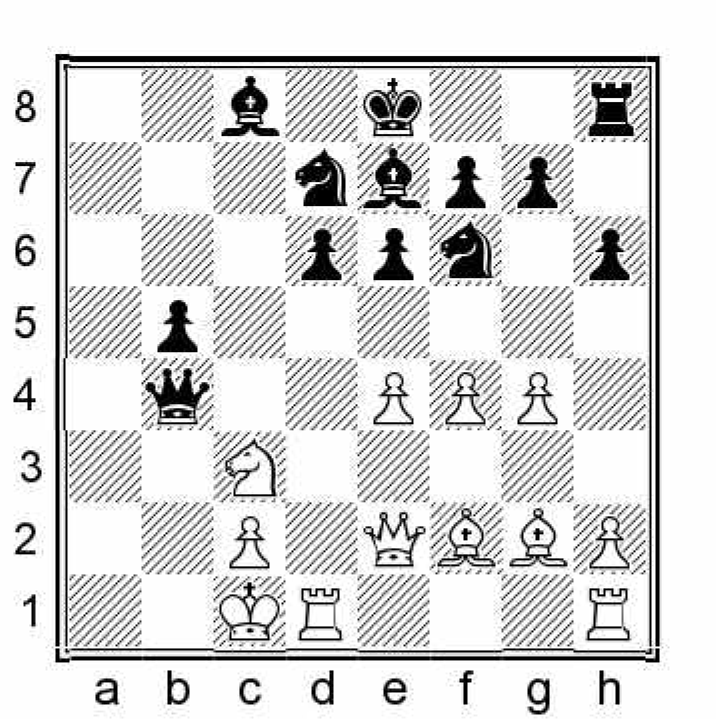


16...♕c7 17.h4 (17.♗f3 ♘b6 18.♘a2 ♖a4 19.♔b1 d5∞) 17...h5 18.g5 ♘g4∞

17.♘db5! ♕a5

17...♘c5 18.♔xb2 O-O (18...♘fd7 19.♗xc5 ♘xc5 20.♔c1 axb5 21.♕xb5+ ♘d7 22.♕xb6 ♘xb6 23.h4+-) 19.♗xc5 dxc5 20.e5 ♘d7 21.♖he1±

18.♔xb2 ♕b4+ 19.♔c1 axb5



20.♔d2!

20.♘b1? ♘c5 21.c3 ♕a5∓

20...O-O

20...g5 21.♖b1 ♕c4 22.♖xb5 ♕xe2+ 23.♘xe2 gxf4 (23...♘xg4 24.♗d4 e5 25.fxe5 dxe5 26.♗c3±) 24.h3 (24.♘xf4 ♘xg4 25.♗g3 ♗g5 26.h4 ♗f6 27.♘d3±) 24...♗a6 25.♖b3 ♗xe2 26.♔xe2 O-O 27.♖hb1±

21.♖b1 ♕a5 22.♖xb5

22.♕xb5 ♕c7 23.h3 g5 24.♖a1 gxf4 25.♖a7 ♕d8 26.♖b1±

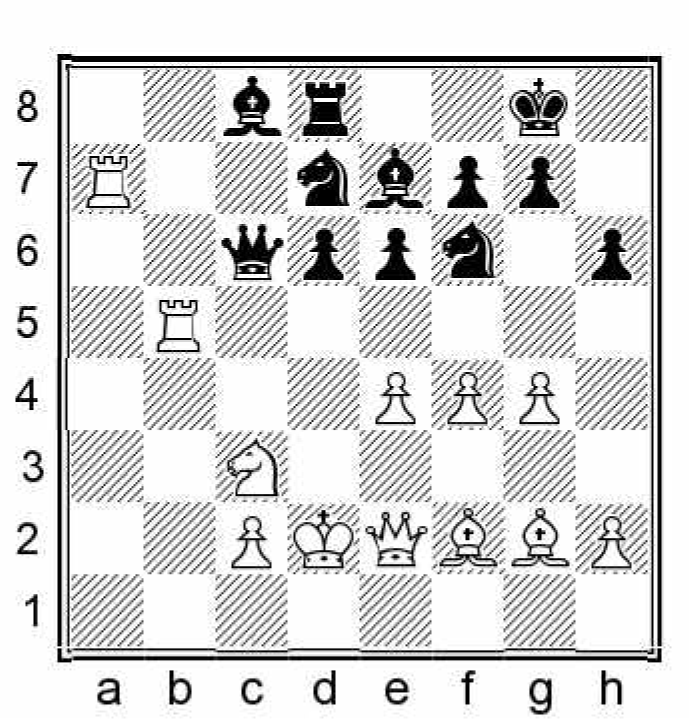
22...♕c7?

22...♕a8 23.g5 (23.h4 ♗a6 24.g5 ♗xb5 25.♕xb5 ♖b8 26.♕e2 ♘h7 27.gxh6 ♕a5∓; 23.♖g1 ♗a6 24.e5 d5! 25.exf6 ♗xf6 26.♖gb1 ♗xc3+ 27.♔xc3 ♗xb5 28.♖xb5 ♕a4 29.♔d2 ♖c8 30.♔d1 ♕a1+ 31.♔d2 ♕a4=) 23...hxg5 24.fxg5 ♘h7 25.h4 ♗a6∞

23.♖a1 ♖d8

23...♘c5 24.♗xc5 dxc5 25.e5 ♘d7 26.♖bb1+-

24.♖a7+- ♕c6



25.♘d5!

25.♘d5 ♖e8 (25...exd5 26.exd5) 26.♘b4

1-0

94. * B96
Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701) - Cheparinov, Ivan (2672)
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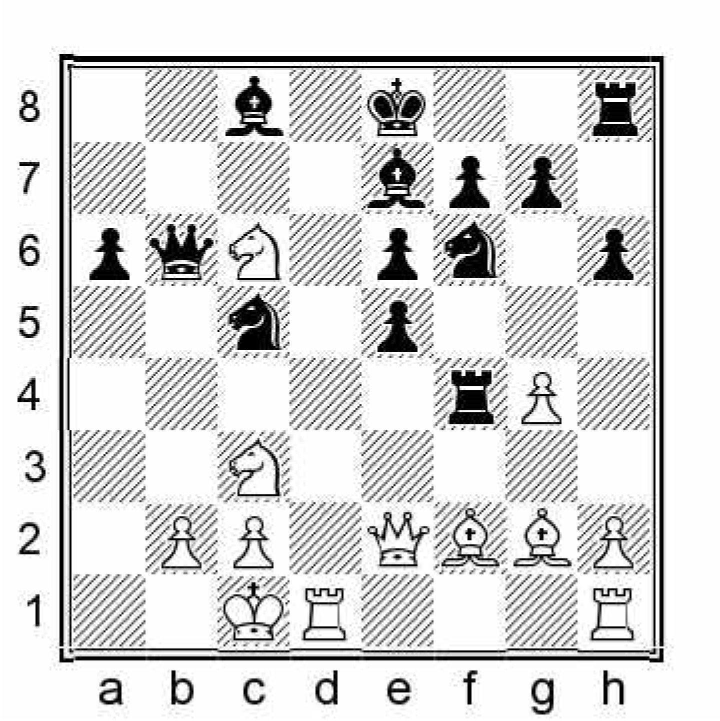
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♘bd7 8.♕e2 ♕c7 9.O-O-O b5 10.a3 ♖b8 11.g4

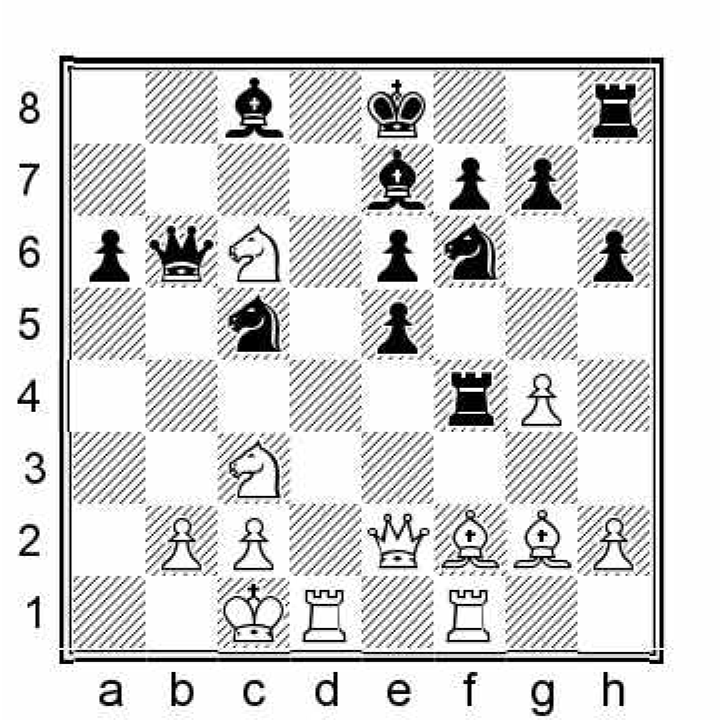
11.♘d5 - 16/472

11...♗e7 12.♗g2 h6 13.♗h4 b4 14.axb4 ♖xb4 15.♗e1 ♕b6 16.♗f2 ♕c7

16...♘c5 17.e5! dxe5 18.♘c6 ♖xf4

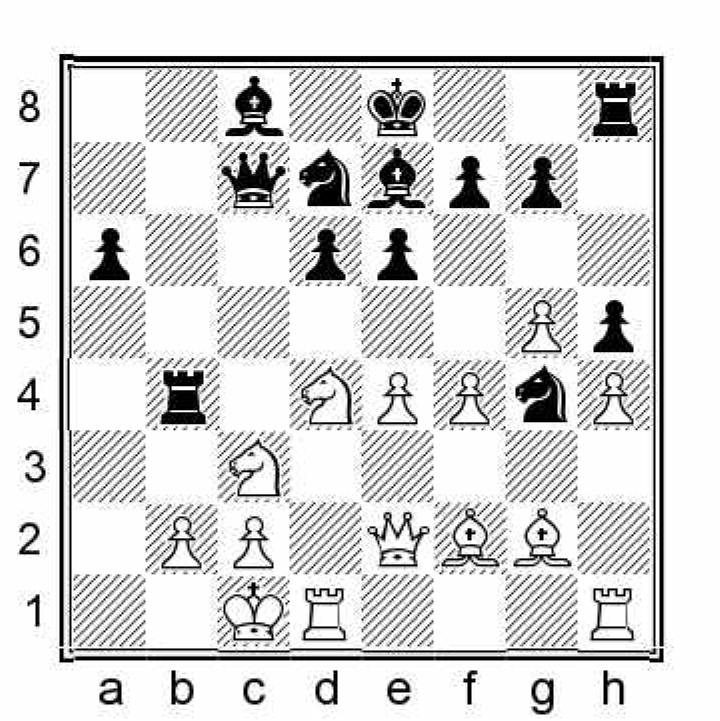


19.♗e3N (19.♖hf1



19...♖xf2! (19...♕c7 20.♗xc5 ♖xf1 21.♗xe7 ♖xd1+ 22.♕xd1 ♗b7 23.♗d6 ♕b6 24.♗a3+-) 20.♕xf2 ♗d7 21.♘xe5 (21.♘xe7 ♔xe7 22.♘e4 ♘a4 23.♕xb6 ♘xb6 24.♘xf6 gxf6 25.♖f3 ♗c6 26.♖b3 ♗xg2 27.♖xb6 ♖a8∞) 21...O-O 22.h4 ♖b8 23.♘c4 ♕b4∞) 19...♖xg4 20.♘xe7 (20.♘xe5 ♖g5! 21.♘a4 ♕c7 22.♗xg5 hxg5 23.♘xc5 ♗xc5 24.♗c6+ ♔f8∞) 20...♔xe7 21.♕f2 ♖c4 22.♘a4 ♘b3+! 23.♔b1 ♖xa4 24.cxb3 ♕xb3 25.♗c5+ ♔e8 26.♗c6+ ♗d7 27.♗xa4 ♕xa4? (27...♗xa4 28.♖hf1 (28.♗a3? ♘e4-+) 28...♗b5 29.♗a3 ♗xf1 30.♖xf1 ♕b7∞) 28.♗a3 ♕c6 29.♖hg1+- ♘d5 30.♖xg7 f6 31.♕a7 ♕c7 32.♕xc7 ♘xc7 33.♖e7+ 1-0 (33) Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Bok,B (2624) chess.com (Int. -rapid) 152/(94) 2022

17.h4 h5 18.g5 ♘g4



19.♗g1N

19.♗e1 ♕c5 (19...♕b6? 20.♘d5! exd5 21.♗xb4 ♕xb4 22.exd5+-) 20.♕d2 ♘b6 (20...♖b8 21.♘a4 ♕c7 22.♗f3 ♗b7 23.g6 fxg6 24.♕e2 ♘f8 25.♘c3±) 21.♘b3 ♕c7 22.♖h3 O-O 23.♘d5 ♘xd5 24.exd5 ♖a4∞

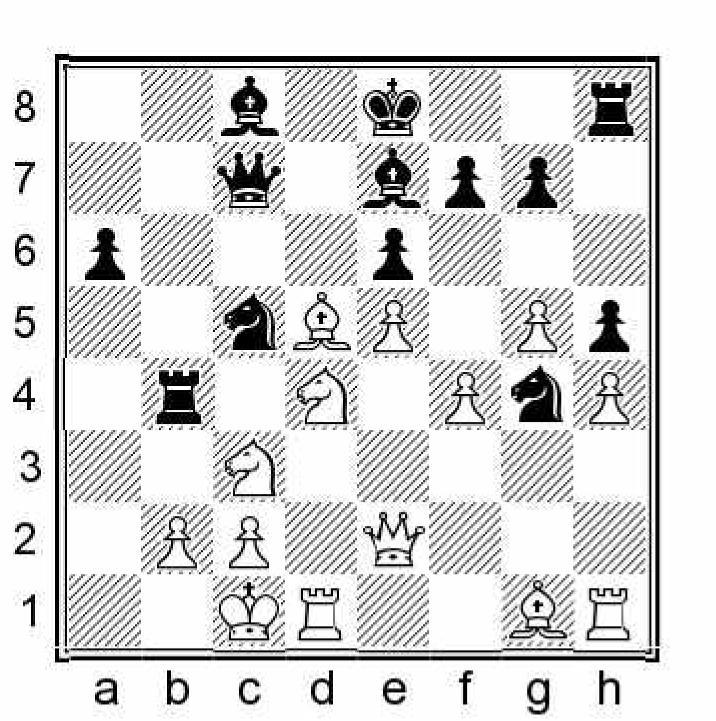
19...♘c5

19...O-O 20.♖h3 (20.♘f5!? exf5 21.♘d5 ♕a5 22.♘xe7+ ♔h8 23.♘c6 ♕a1+ 24.♔d2 ♕xb2 25.♘xb4 ♕xb4+ 26.♔c1 ♘c5∓; 20.♗f3 ♘b6∞) 20...♘c5 21.f5 g6∞

20.e5 d5?!

20...♗b7! 21.♘f5 dxe5 22.♘xg7+ ♔f8 23.♘xh5 ♘a4! 24.♕xg4 ♘xc3 (24...♖xb2 25.♖h3 ♗xg2 26.♕xg2 ♗a3! 27.♘b5 ♖xc2+ 28.♔b1 ♖c1+ 29.♖xc1 ♕xc1+ 30.♔a2 axb5 31.♕a8+ ♔e7 32.♕b7+ ♔f8 33.♕a8+ ♔e7=) 25.bxc3 ♕xc3 26.g6 fxg6 27.♕xg6 ♖g8 28.♕h6+ ♔f7 29.♕h7+ ♔f8 30.♕h6+=

21.♗xd5

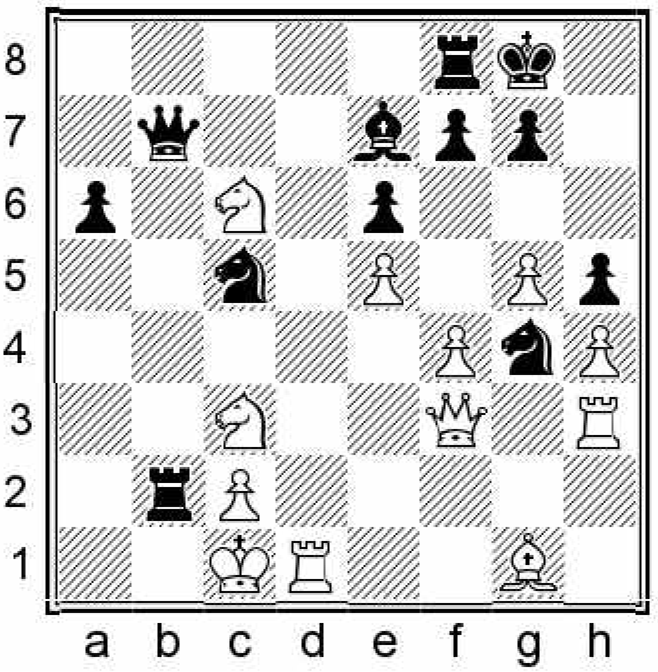


21.f5! ♗b7 (21...♘xe5 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.♗h2 ♗d6 24.♖hf1±; 21...♕xe5 22.♘c6 ♕xe2 23.♘xe2 ♖c4 24.fxe6 ♗xe6 25.♘xe7 ♔xe7 26.♘c3±) 22.f6 ♗f8 23.♘f5! exf5 24.♘xd5 ♗xd5 25.♗xd5±

21...♗b7!

21...exd5 22.♘xd5 ♕b7 23.♘xb4 ♕xb4 24.♖h3 ♗d7 25.♕e1±

22.♗xb7 ♕xb7 23.♖h3 ♖xb2 24.♕f3 O-O 25.♘c6?



25.♕xb7 ♖xb7 26.♘c6 ♖c8 27.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 28.♗xc5 ♖xc5 29.♘e4 ♖a5 30.♖dd3 ♔h7 31.♖a3 ♖xa3 32.♖xa3 ♖d7 33.♘d6 f6=

25...♘b3+! 26.cxb3

26.♔xb2 ♘d4+-+

26...♗a3! 27.♖d2

27.♘d4 ♖f2+-+

27...♕xb3 28.♖xb2 ♕xb2+ 29.♔d1 ♕c1+ 30.♔e2 ♕xg1 31.♘e4 ♕c1 32.♕c3 ♕xf4 33.♕c4

33.♕d4 ♗b2 34.♘f6+ ♕xf6 35.exf6 ♗xd4 36.♘xd4 gxf6-+

33...♘xe5 34.♘xe5 ♕xe5-+ 35.♖e3 ♕h2+ 36.♘f2 ♖b8 37.♖f3 ♖b2+ 38.♔f1 ♖b1+ 39.♔e2 ♕e5+ 40.♘e4 ♖b4 41.♕c8+ ♔h7 42.♖e3 ♖xe4 43.♕c3 ♖xe3+ 0-1

95. * B96
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679) - Hakobyan, Aram (2612)
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1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 h6 8.♗h4 ♕b6 9.a3 ♘c6

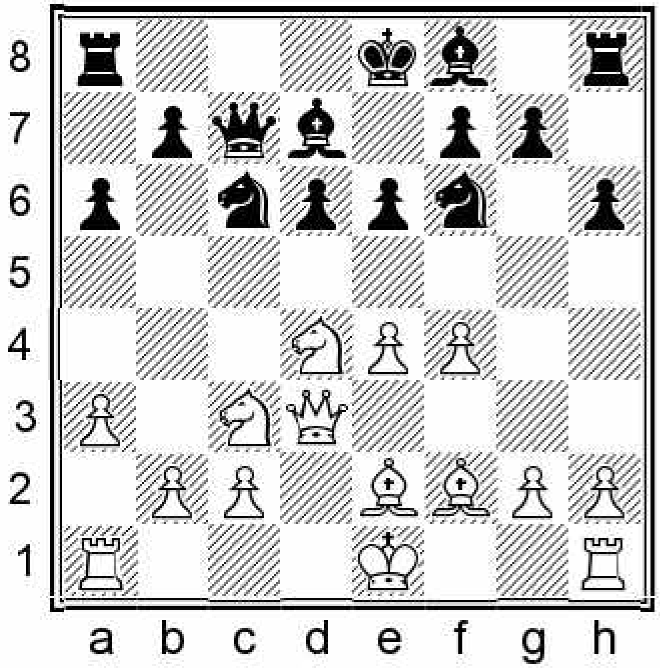
9...♗d7!? 10.♕d2 (10.♗f2 ♕c7 11.♕f3 ♘c6 12.O-O-O ♖c8 13.♘b3 b5 14.♔b1 b4 15.axb4 ♘xb4 16.♖d4 ♖b8⇄ (16...♕b8)) 10...♗e7 11.♗f2 ♕c7 12.♗e2 ♘c6 (12...O-O 13.g4↑) 13.O-O-O b5 14.g4 b4 15.axb4 ♘xb4 16.g5 hxg5 17.fxg5 ♘h5⇄

10.♗f2 ♕c7 11.♗e2

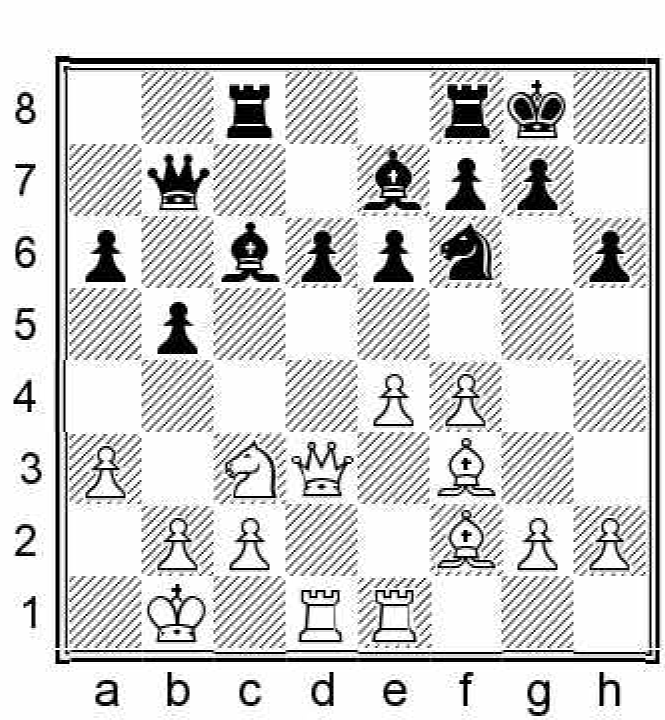
11.♕f3 - 113/(92)

11...♗e7

11...♗d7 12.♕d3



12...♖c8N (12...♗e7) 13.O-O-O b5 14.♘xc6 ♗xc6 15.♔b1 (15.f5! exf5 (15...e5 16.♗h4±) 16.exf5 ♗e7 17.♗f3 d5 18.♗g3 ♕b7 19.♗e5±) 15...♕b7 16.♗f3 ♗e7 17.♖he1 O-O



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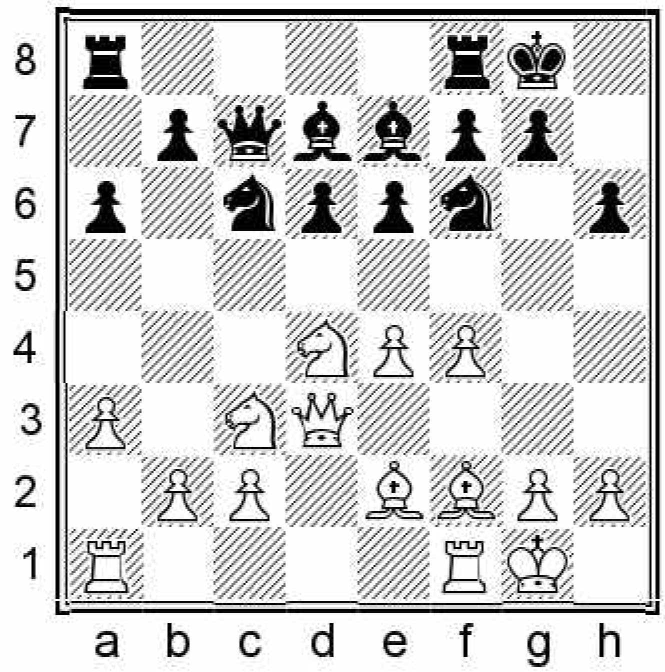
12.♕d3 ♗d7 13.O-O

13.O-O-O b5 (13...♘xd4) 14.♘xc6 ♗xc6 15.f5 O-O∞

13...O-O



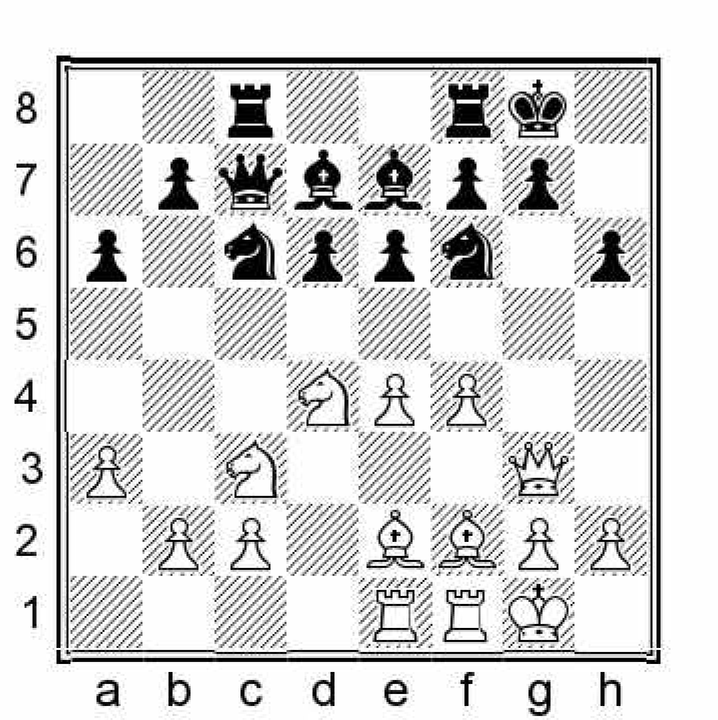
14.♖ae1!?N

14.♕g3 e5 15.♘f5 ♗xf5 16.exf5 d5 17.fxe5 ♘xe5 18.♖ad1 ♖ad8 19.♔h1 ♘e4=; 14.♖ad1

14...♖ac8

14...♖ab8!? 15.♕g3 e5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.♔h1 ♖bc8 18.♘f5 ♗xf5 19.exf5 ♖fd8 20.♗e3 ♔f8 21.♗d3 ♘d4 22.♕h3 b5 23.♗c1 (∆ Re3↑) 23...a5 24.♘xb5 ♘xb5 25.♗xb5 ♕xc2 26.♗xh6 ♕xb2 27.a4 gxh6 28.♕xh6+ ♔g8 29.♖e3 ♖c3□=

15.♕g3



15...♕b8

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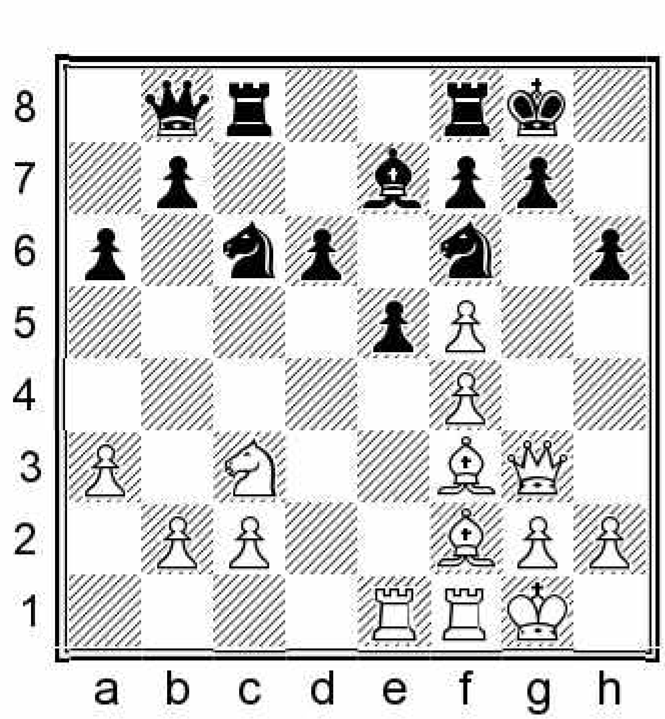
16.♗d3

16.♗f3 e5 17.♘f5 ♗xf5 18.exf5



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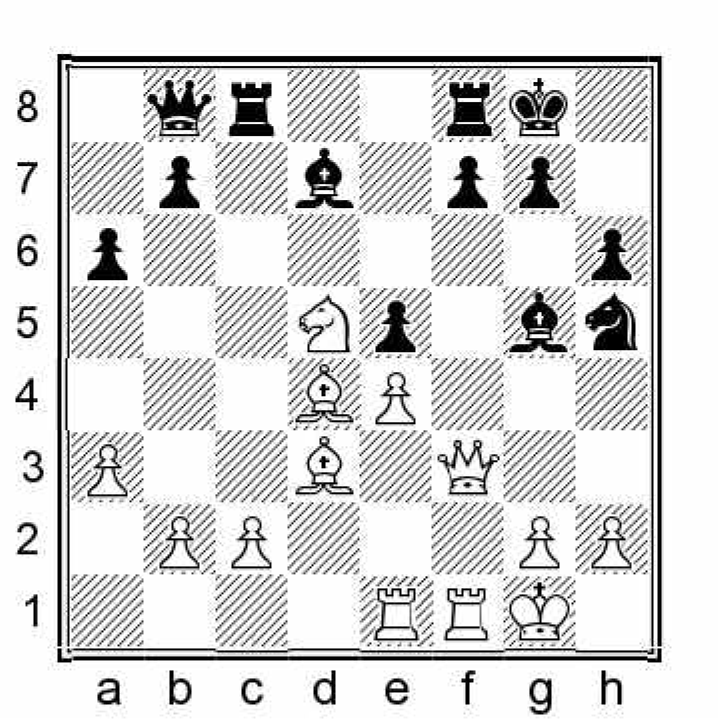
16...♘xd4?!

16...♘h5 17.♕f3 ♘f6 18.♘xc6 (18.♘b3 b5 19.g4 b4 20.♘e2 e5 21.f5 d5⇄) 18...♗xc6 19.♘e2 d5 20.e5 ♘e4 21.♗e3±; 16...e5!? 17.♘xc6 (17.♘f5 ♗xf5 18.exf5 ♖fe8 19.fxe5 ♘xe5 20.♗e4 b5 21.♘d5 ♖c4⇄) 17...♗xc6 (17...bxc6 18.fxe5 ♘g4 (18...dxe5 19.♗xa6 ♖cd8 20.b4 ♘g4 21.♗c4 ♘xf2 22.♖xf2 ♕a7 23.♘d1±) 19.♗xa6 ♖cd8 20.e6! ♗xe6 (20...♘xf2 21.exd7 ♕b6 22.♖xf2 ♕xa6 23.♘d1±) 21.♗d4 ♘e5 22.♘d1±) 18.♘d5!? ♗xd5 19.exd5 ♘h5 20.♕f3 ♘xf4 21.♗f5 ♖ce8 22.♗e3=∞ ♘g6!? (22...♗g5 23.h4!) 23.♕h5 ♕c7!? 24.♗xh6 gxh6 25.♕xh6 ♗f6 26.♖f3 (26.♖e4 ♕xc2 27.♗xg6 fxg6 28.♕xg6+ ♗g7 29.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 30.♕e6+ ♖f7=) 26...♗g7 27.♕h5 ♖e7 28.♖ef1 e4! 29.♖h3 ♖d8 30.♗xg6 ♗d4+ 31.♔h1 fxg6 32.♕xg6+ ♖g7 33.♕h5 ♖h7=

17.♗xd4↑ ×Qb8 **17...e5**

17...♘e8 18.♘d1!? Δ Ne3±

18.fxe5 ♘h5 19.♕f3 dxe5 20.♘d5± ♗g5



20...♕d6 21.♗c3 ♖xc3 22.♘xc3 ♘f4 23.♔h1±

21.h4! ♗d8 22.♕xh5 exd4 23.e5 ♖c5 24.♕f3 ♗c6

24...♕c8 25.♕e4 g6 26.♖xf7! ♖xf7 27.e6 ♖f5 28.♕g4+-

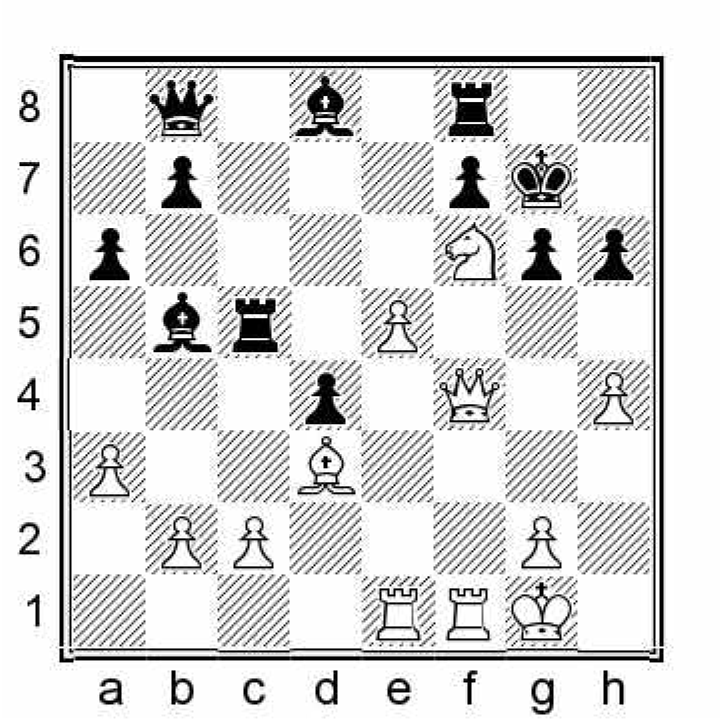
25.♕f5

25.h5! ♗xd5 26.♕f5 g6 27.hxg6+-

25...g6 26.♘f6+ ♔g7

26...♗xf6 27.♕xf6 ♕d8 28.♕f4 ♔g7 29.b4 ♖d5 30.♕g3 ♕e7 31.♗c4 ♖dd8 32.♖f6+-

27.♕f4 ♗b5



28.h5

28.♗xg6! ♗xf1 (28...fxg6 29.♘h5++-) 29.♘e8+ ♔xg6 30.♕g4+ ♗g5 31.♕e4+ f5 32.exf6+ ♖f5 33.h5+ ♔xh5 34.♘g7+ ♔g6 35.♕xf5+ ♔f7 36.♖e7+ ♔g8 37.♘e6+-

28...♗xd3 29.cxd3 ♗e7 30.♘d7 ♕c8 31.♘xf8 ♕xf8 32.hxg6 fxg6 33.♕xf8+ ♗xf8 34.e6 ♖c7 35.♖e4 ♗d6 36.b4 ♖e7 37.g4 ♗c7 38.♔g2 a5 39.♖xd4 axb4 40.axb4 1-0

96. B97
Durarbayli, Vasif (2628) - Kaasen, Tor Fredrik (2460)
Terme Catez 152/96, 2022

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12...e5 - 151/96

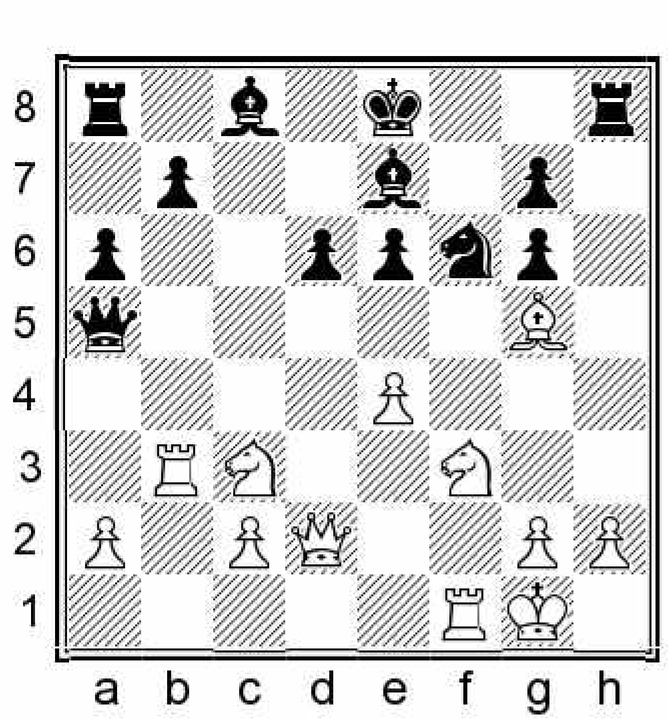
13.fxe6 fxe6 14.♖b3

14.♔h1

14...♕a5 15.♗h5+ ♘g6

15...♘xh5 16.♗xe7 ♕c7! (16...♔xe7?? 17.♘d5++-) 17.♗h4 ♖f8 18.♘f5! exf5 19.♘d5 ♕b8 20.♖c3 ♘f6 21.♘c7+ ♔d7 22.♖xf5 ♕xc7 23.♖xc7+ ♔xc7 24.♖xe5 dxe5 25.♕a5+ ♔d7 26.♕xe5=∞

16.♗xg6+ hxg6 17.♘f3



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18.h3?!

18.e5! dxe5 19.♕d3 e4 (19...♔f7 20.g4! ♖h8 21.♘h4±) 20.♘xe4 ♘xe4 21.♗xe7 ♕d5 (21...♔xe7 22.♕xe4 ♕c5+ 23.♔h1 ♕f5 24.♖xb7++-) 22.g4! ♕xd3 23.♖xd3 ♖d5 24.♗a3 g5 (24...♗d7 25.♘e5!±) 25.h4! gxh4 26.♘e5 ♘f6 27.♖xd5 exd5 28.g5 ♘d7 29.♘g6 ♘b6 30.♗c5 ♘c4 31.♗d4±

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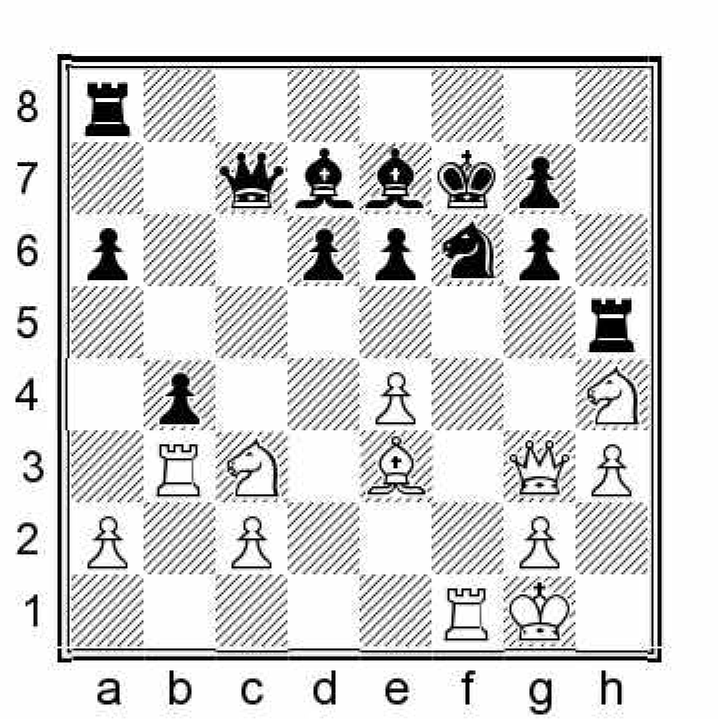

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23.♘xg6! ♗d8

23...bxc3 24.♘xe7 ♖f8 25.♗b6 ♕c4 26.e5 ♖xe5 27.♘g6+-

24.e5! bxc3

24...dxe5 25.♘e4 ♗a4 26.♖xb4 ♗xc2 27.♖b7+-

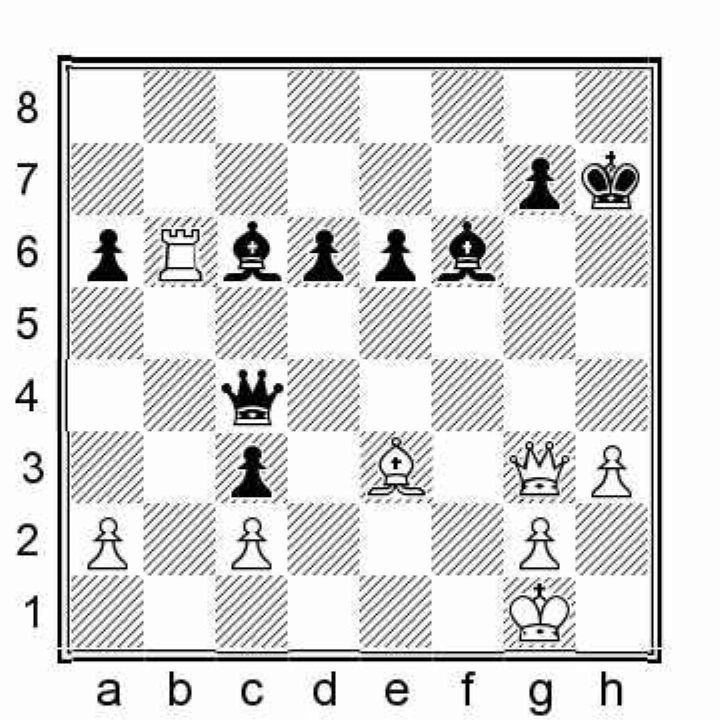
25.exf6 ♗xf6 26.♕f3?

26.♘h4! ♖ah8 (26...♖f5 27.♘xf5 exf5 28.♕f2 ♗e6 29.♖b6 ♗e5 30.♗d4+-) 27.♖xf6+ gxf6 28.♕g6+ ♔e7 29.♕g7+ ♔e8 30.♗b6 ♕c8 31.♗d4 ♖xh4 32.♕g6+ ♔d8 33.♕xf6+ ♔e8 34.♕g6+ ♔d8 35.♗xh8 ♖xh8 36.♕f6+ ♔c7 37.♕xc3+ ♗c6 38.♕g7+ ♗d7 39.♖c3++-

26...♖f5 27.♕xa8 ♖xf1+ 28.♔xf1 ♕c4+ 29.♔g1 ♔xg6 30.♕f3 ♗c6 31.♕g3+ ♔h7

31...♔f7 32.♖b6 (32.♕xd6 ♕e2 33.♕g3 ♗d5 34.♖xc3 ♗xc3 35.♕c7+ ♔f6 36.♕f4+ ♔e7 37.♕c7+ ♔f6=) 32...♔e7 33.♖b8 ♔d7 34.♕g6 ♔c7=∞

32.♖b6



32...♗d5?

32...♗e5 33.♕g4 (33.♕f2 ♗d5=∞) 33...♕xg4 34.hxg4 ♗e4 35.♖xa6 ♗xc2 36.♔f2 ♗d3 37.♖c6 ♗e4 38.♖c4 ♗d3=

33.♕g4! ♕xg4 34.hxg4 ♗xa2 35.♖xa6

35.♖xd6 a5 36.g5 ♗e7 37.♖c6 a4 38.♖xc3 a3 39.♗c5 ♗xc5+ 40.♖xc5 ♗d5 41.♖a5 a2 42.♔f2±

35...♗b1 36.♖xd6 ♗xc2?

36...♔g6 37.g5 ♗e5 38.♖c6 ♗xc2 39.♖c5 ♗g3 40.♖xc3 ♗e4 41.♗d2 ♗d6 42.♖c4 ♗d5 43.♖a4±

37.g5 ♗e7 38.♖xe6 ♗a3 39.♖c6 ♗b2 40.♗d4 ♗e4 41.♖c7 ♔g6 42.♖xg7+ ♔h5 43.♖c7 ♔xg5 44.♗xc3+- ♗a3 45.♗d2+ ♔f5 46.♖c4 ♗d5 47.♖a4 ♗c5+ 48.♔h2 ♗d6+ 49.♔h3 ♗e6 50.g4+ ♔f6 51.♔h4 ♗c5 52.♗c3+ ♔g6 53.♗d4 ♗e7+ 54.♔h3 ♗g5 55.♖a6 ♔f7 56.♖a7+ ♔g6 57.♔g3 ♗d2 58.♖g7+ ♔h6 59.♖e7 1-0

C00-C24

97. ** C07
Azarov, Sergei (2588) - Nihal, Sarin (2646)
Sharjah 152/97, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 c5 4.♘gf3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘c6 6.♗b5 ♗d7 7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.♗d3 ♗d6 9.♕e2 e5

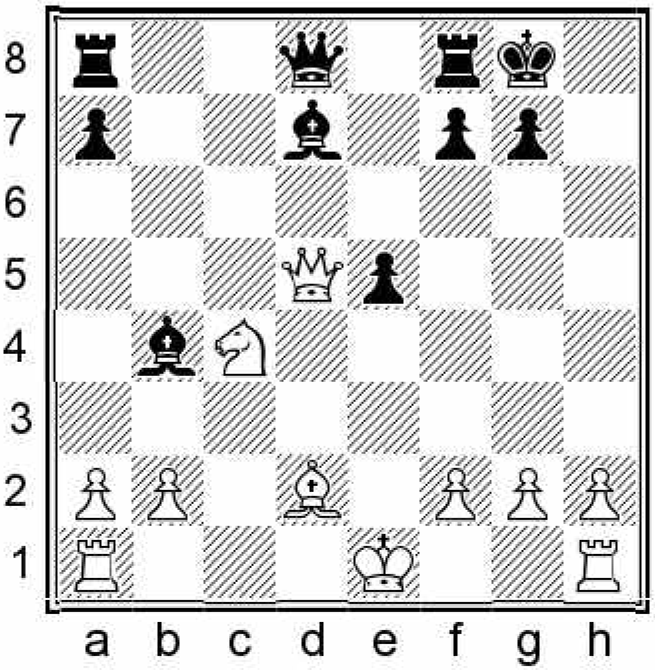
9...♕c7 - 116/92

10.exd5 cxd5 11.c4 ♘e7 12.cxd5 ♘xd5 13.♘c4

13.♗e4 ♘f4 14.♕a6 ♗c5 15.O-O ♖b8 16.♘b3 ♗b6 17.♗xf4 exf4 18.♖ad1 O-O 19.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 20.♕d3+ ♔g8 21.♕xd7 ♕f6=

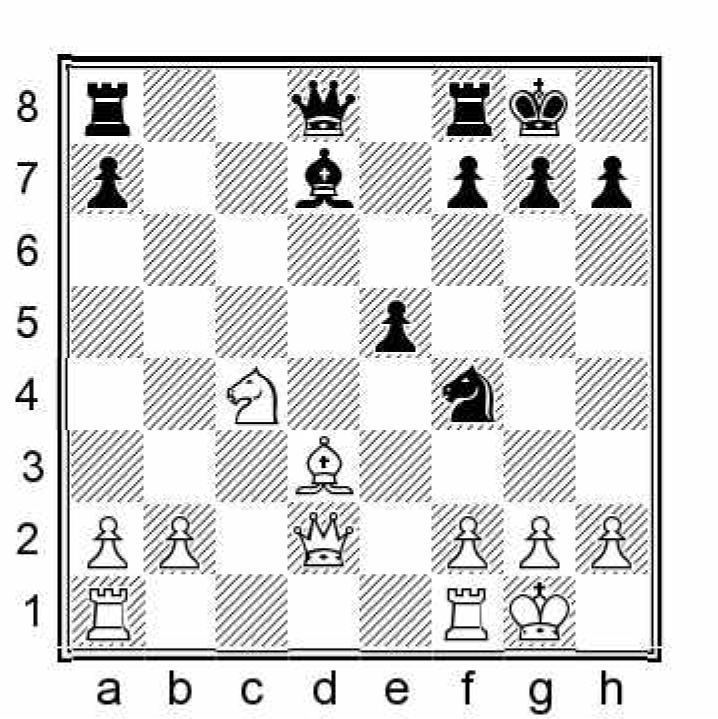
13...♗b4+ 14.♗d2 O-O 15.O-O

15.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 16.♕e4+ ♔g8 17.♕xd5



17...a5N - 152/(97) (17...♖b8; 17...♕e7; 17...♗xd2+N 18.♕xd2 ♗e6 19.♖c1 ♖c8 20.b3 ♗xc4 21.bxc4 ♖c5= Teclaf,P (2537)-Piorun,K (2635) Polska (ch-m/1) 152/(97) 2022) 18.♗xb4 axb4 19.O-O ♗e6 20.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 21.♘xe5 ♖d2 (21...♖xa2 22.♖xa2 ♗xa2 23.♘c6 ♖d2 24.♘xb4 ♗e6=) 22.b3 ♖axa2 23.♖xa2 ♖xa2 24.♘d3 ♗xb3 25.♘xb4 ♖d2 26.♘c6 ♗d5 27.♘e7+ ♔f8 28.♘xd5 ♖xd5 29.h4 g5 30.hxg5 ♖xg5 1/2 (30) Svanda,O (2310)-Mica,M (2277) Cesko 152/(97) 2022

15...♗xd2 16.♕xd2 ♘f4



17.♗e4N

17.♖fd1 ♗a4 18.b3 ♕xd3 19.♕xd3 ♘xd3 20.♖xd3 ♗b5=

17...♗b5! 18.♗xa8 ♕xa8 19.♘e3 ♖d8 20.♕c2 ♗xf1 21.♖xf1 h5 22.♕c7

22.♖d1=

22...f6 23.♕c4+ ♔h8 24.♕c2 ♕b7 25.h3 ♖d3 26.♖e1 ♕e4 27.♔h2 ♔h7 28.♖c1 h4 29.b3 a5 30.♕c6 ♕g6 31.♕c2

31.♖d1 ♖xd1 32.♘xd1 ♕b1 33.♘e3 ♕xa2 34.♕e4+=

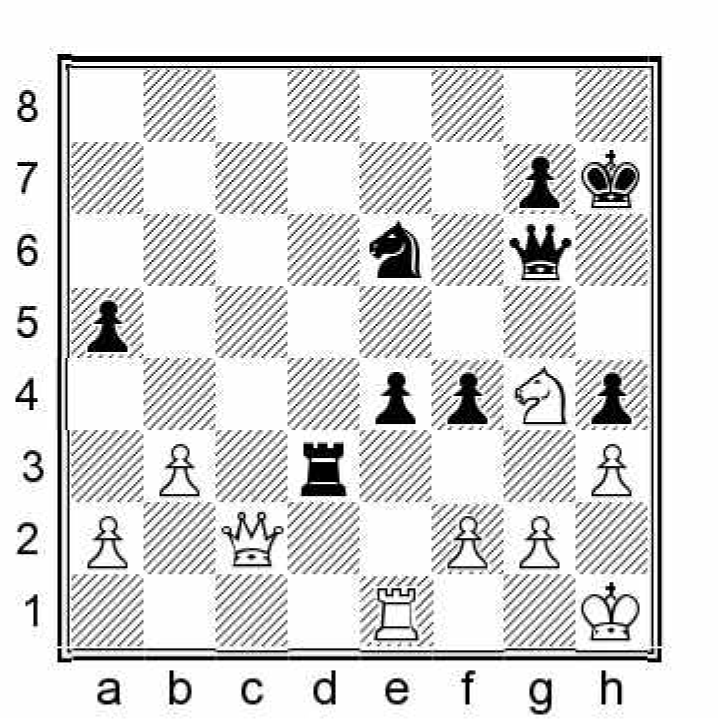
31...f5 32.♔h1

32.♖d1 e4 33.♖xd3 ♘xd3 34.♔g1=

32...e4 33.♖g1 ♘e6 34.♖e1?

34.♔h2 ♕f6 35.♖d1 ♕e5+ 36.♔h1 ♕d4↑

34...f4 35.♘g4



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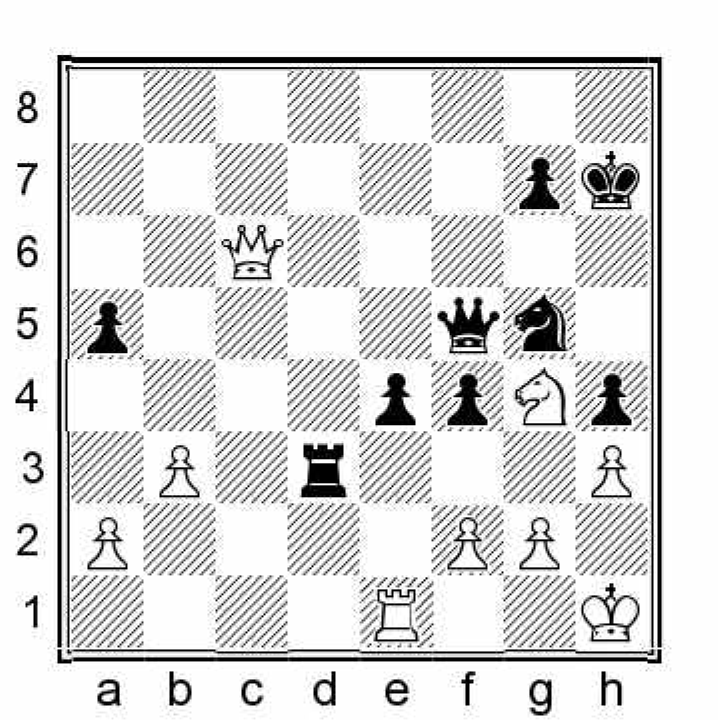
36.♕c6

36.f3! ♘d4 (36...exf3?? 37.♖xe6 fxg2+ 38.♔g1!+-; 36...♘g5 37.fxe4 ♘xe4 38.♔h2∞) 37.♕f2 e3 38.♕xh4+ ♔g6 39.♕e7 ♖d2 40.♘e5+ ♔h7 41.♕h4+ ♔g8 42.♕d8+ ♔h7 43.♕h4+=

36...♘g5



36...♖d4 37.♕e8 f3 38.gxf3 ♕xf3+ 39.♔g1 ♕f5∞

37.♕c7??

37.♕e8! f3 38.♕h5+ ♔g8 39.♕e8+ ♕f8 (39...♔h7 40.♕h5+=) 40.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 41.gxf3 ♖xf3 42.♔g2 ♖xh3 43.♖xe4=

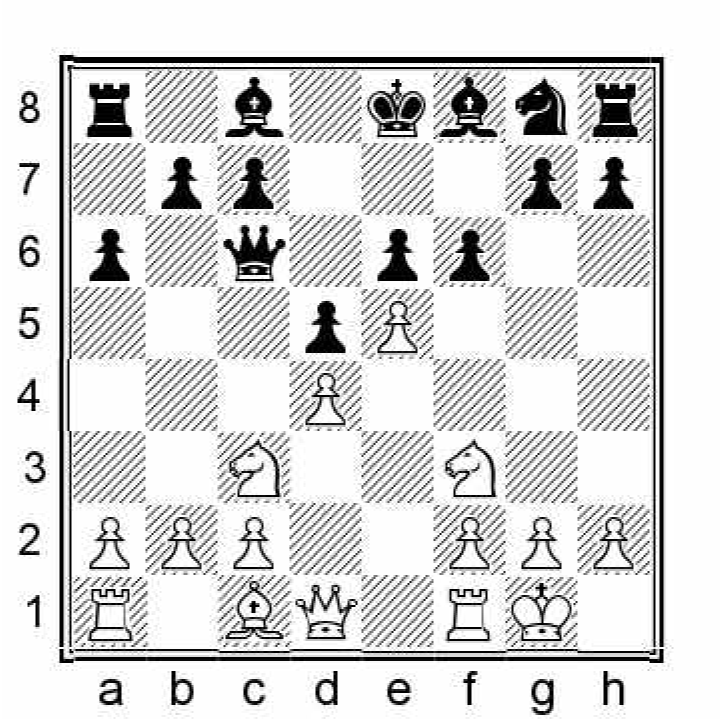
37...f3-+ 38.♖e3 ♖d1+ 39.♔h2 fxg2 0-1

98. C10
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2759) - Rapport, Richard (2776)
Bucuresti 152/98, 2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.e5 f6 5.♗b5 ♕d7

5...♗d7 - 126/90

6.♘f3 a6 7.♗xc6 ♕xc6 8.O-O



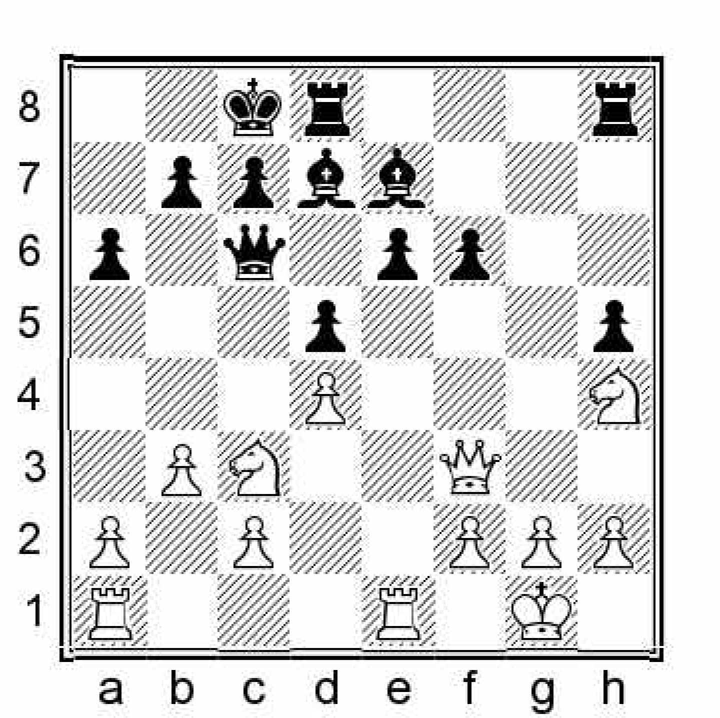
8.♘e2!?

8...♘e7N

8...♗d7? 9.exf6 ♘xf6 (9...gxf6 10.♘e5! fxe5 11.♕h5+ ♔d8 12.♕xe5+-) 10.♘e5 ♕b6 11.a4+-

9.exf6 gxf6 10.♘h4 h5 11.♕f3 ♗g7 12.b3

12.♖e1! ♗d7 13.b3 O-O-O 14.♗a3 ♗f8 (14...♖he8 15.♗xe7 ♖xe7 16.♘xd5 ♖ee8 17.♘f4 ♕xc2 18.♖ac1±) 15.♗xe7 (15.♕xf6 ♘f5!⇄) 15...♗xe7



16.♘xd5! ♗a3 17.♘f4 (17.♘xf6 ♖hf8 18.♕xc6 ♗xc6 19.♖xe6 ♗b2 20.♖ae1 ♗xd4 21.♖xc6 ♗xf2+ 22.♔xf2 bxc6 23.♖e6 ♖d6 24.♖e8+ ♖d8 25.♖e6 ♖d6=) 17...♕xc2 18.♘xe6 ♗xe6 19.♖e2! (19.♖xe6 ♖xd4⇄) 19...♕h7 20.♖xe6 ♖xd4 21.♖ae1±

12...e5! 13.♗a3 ♗g4 14.♕g3 ♖g8 15.♗xe7

15.♖ae1 ♘f5 16.♘xf5 ♗xf5 17.dxe5 (17.♕f3 ♗e6 18.dxe5 fxe5 19.♕xh5+ ♔d7=∞) 17...O-O-O 18.♗e7 ♖de8 19.♕f3 ♗g4 20.♕xd5 ♕xc3 21.♖e3 ♕b2 22.h3 ♗d7 23.exf6 ♗xf6 24.♖d1 ♖d8 25.♗xd8 ♖xd8∞; 15.f4!? exd4 (15...e4 16.♗xe7 ♔xe7 17.f5 ♗h6 18.♘g6+ ♔d8∞) 16.♖ae1 ♕xc3 17.♕xc3 (17.♖xe7+ ♔d8∞) 17...dxc3 18.h3 O-O-O 19.hxg4 ♘c6 20.gxh5 d4∞

15...♔xe7 16.♖ae1 e4 17.♘a4

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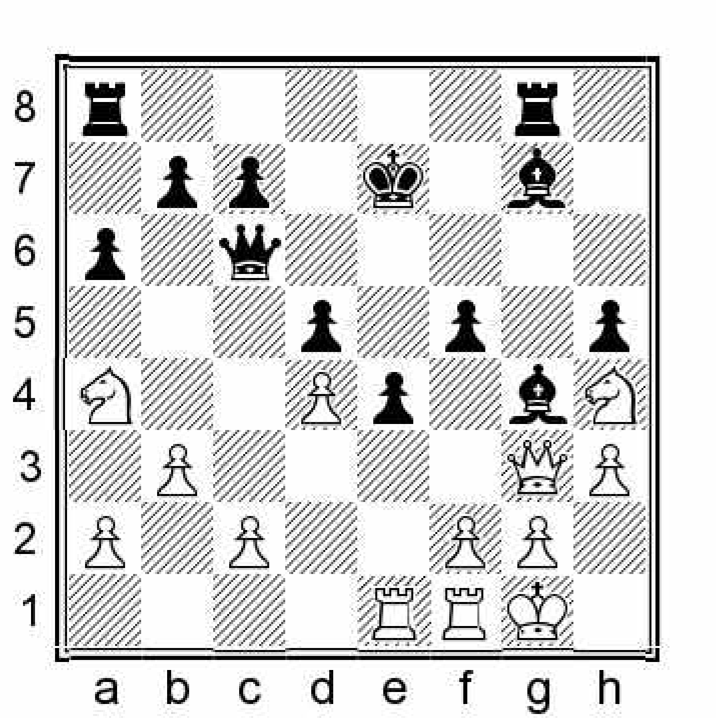
17...f5 18.f3

18.h3



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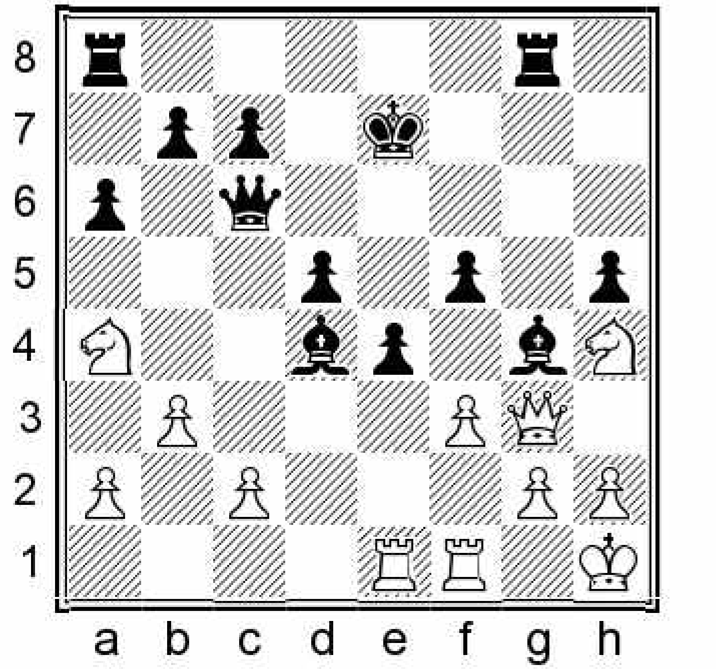

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28...♖g1+ 29.♕xg1 ♗xg1 30.♔xg1 ♖f4 31.♘g2 ♖f3 32.h4 b6= 33.♘b2 ♖c3 34.♘e1 ♖h3 35.♘g2 ♖c3 36.♘e1 ♖h3 37.♘g2 1/2-1/2

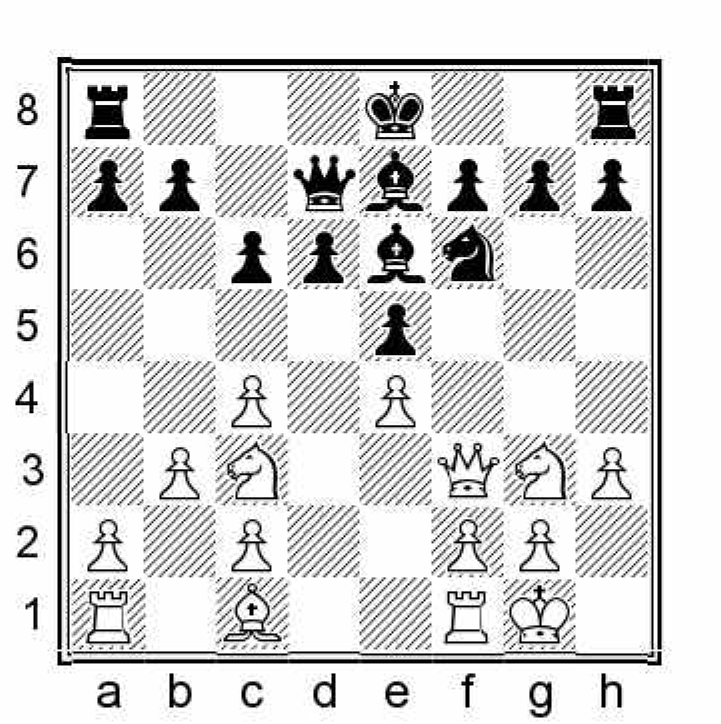
C25-C49

99. C28
Adhiban, Baskaran (2648) - Karthikeyan, Murali (2622)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/99, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♘a5 5.♕f3

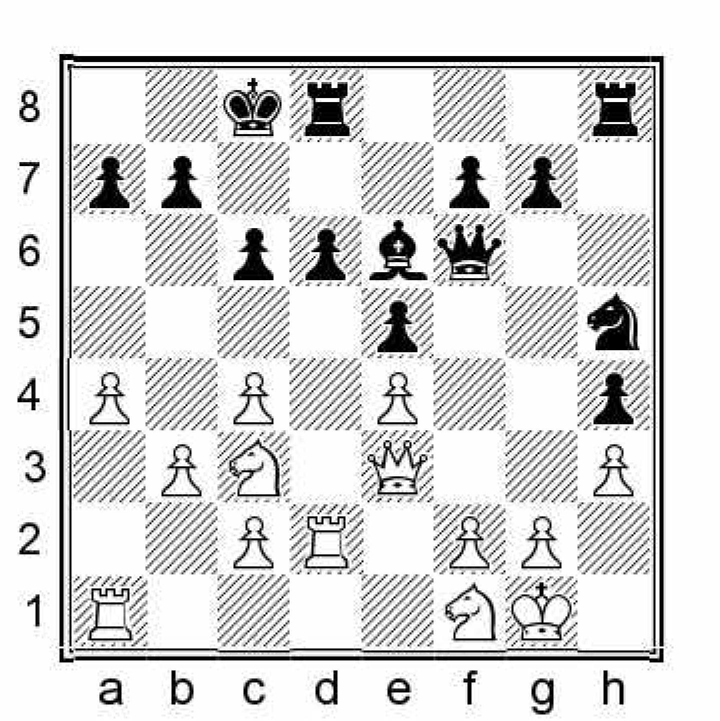
5.♘f3 - 150/97

5...d6 6.h3 ♗e7 7.♘ge2 ♘xc4 8.dxc4 ♗e6 9.b3 c6 10.O-O ♕d7 11.♘g3



11...♖d8N

11...h5!? 12.♖d1 h4 13.♘f1 ♕c7 14.♗g5 ♘h5! 15.♗xe7 ♕xe7 16.♖d2 O-O-O 17.a4 ♕f6 18.♕e3



18...♖h6!⇄ (18...♔b8 19.♖ad1 ♗c8 20.♘e2 g5 21.♘h2±) 19.♕xa7 ♖g6 20.♕a8+ (20.♔h1? ♗xh3!-+) 20...♔d7 21.♖xd6+ ♔xd6 22.♖d1+ ♔c7 23.♕a5+ ♔c8 24.♕a8+=; 11...O-O

12.♖d1 O-O 13.♗g5

13.a4!? a5 14.♗e3 ♕c7 15.♖d3± Δ♘xe4?! 16.♘gxe4 d5 17.♘c5 d4 18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.♕e2 dxe3 20.♕xe3 ♖xd3 21.♕xd3±

13...h6 14.♗e3 b6

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15.a4 d5 16.cxd5

16.♗xh6?! gxh6 17.exd5 cxd5 18.cxd5 ♘xd5 19.♘f5 ♗g5! 20.♘xd5 ♗xd5 21.♕g4 ♔h7 (21...♕e6 22.h4 ♗b7 23.hxg5 h5 24.♕h3→) 22.c4 ♔g6! 23.♘h4+ ♔h7 24.♘f5=

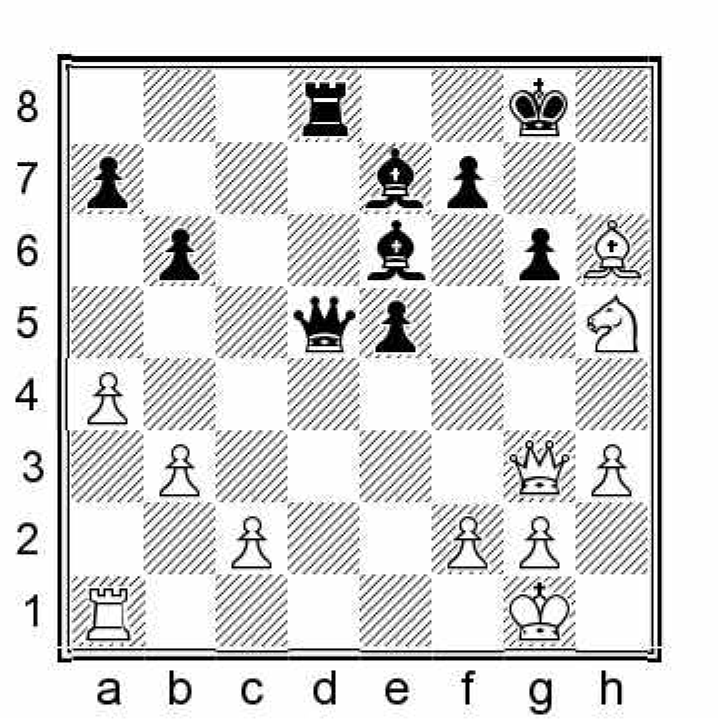
16...cxd5 17.exd5 ♘xd5 18.♘h5!?±

18.♘f5 ♗xf5 19.♘xd5 ♗d6 20.c4 ♕e6 21.a5 ♗c2 22.♖dc1 e4 23.♕h5 ♗xb3 24.axb6 axb6 25.♖ab1 ♗a4 26.♖xb6±

18...♕c6 19.♕g3 g6 20.♘xd5 ♖xd5 21.♗xh6 ♖fd8

21...♖xd1+ 22.♖xd1 ♕xc2 23.♖d3! ♕e2 24.♖f3 ♖d8 25.♘f6+±

22.♖xd5 ♕xd5



23.♗g5

23.♗g7! gxh5 24.♗h6+ ♗g4□ 25.hxg4 ♔h7 26.♗e3 h4 27.♕f3±

23...♗xg5 24.♕xg5 ♔f8?!

24...♕d2 25.♘f6+ ♔f8 26.a5!?±

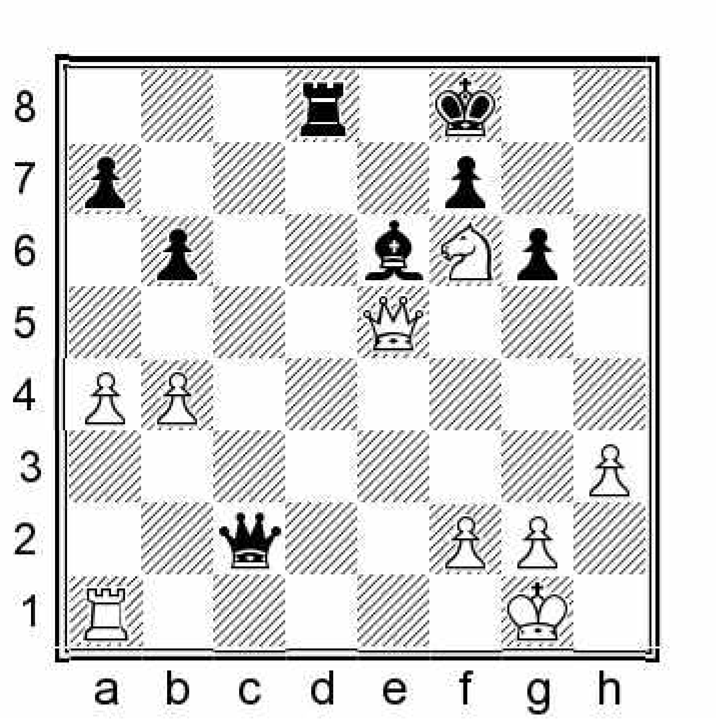
25.♕h6+ ♔e7 26.♕g5+ ♔f8 27.♘f6

27.♘g3±

27...♕d2 28.♕xe5

28.a5!? ♕xc2 29.♘h7+ ♔e8 30.♕xe5±

28...♕xc2 29.♘h7+ ♔g8 30.♘f6+ ♔f8 31.b4



31...♕f5

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36...♖b4! 37.♖d1 ♔e7 38.♘g8+ ♔e8 39.♘f6+ ♔e7=

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41...♖d1+ 42.♔f2 ♖f1+ 43.♔e3

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48...♖e1 49.♖b5 ♔e6 50.♔f4 ♖f1+ 51.♔g5 ♖f5+ 52.♔h6 ♖xe5=

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51...♔g7= 52.♖d8 ♖g5

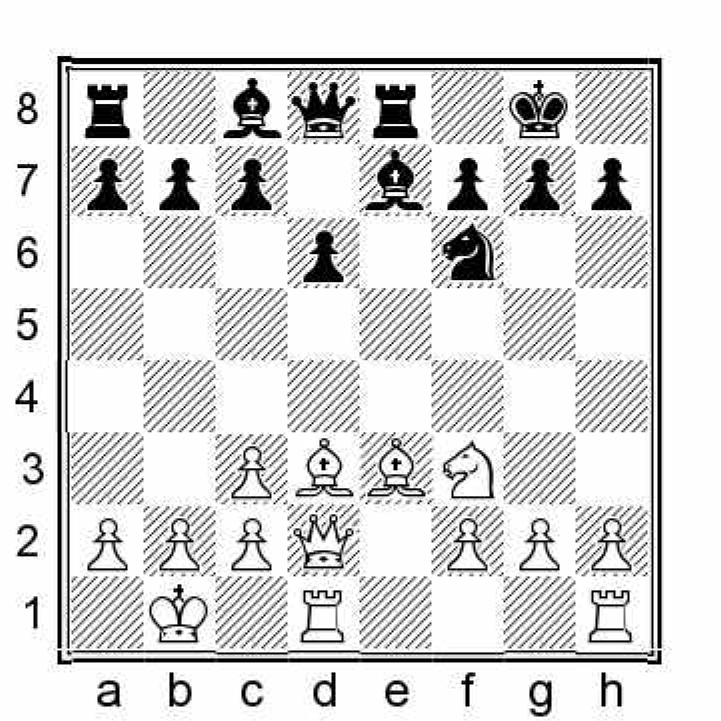
52.♖b5 ♗d7 53.♖c5 ♔e6 54.h4 ♔e7??

54...♗e8

55.♘e3+- ♖h5 56.♘d5+ 1-0

100. * C42
Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727)
Beograd 152/100, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3 ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 O-O 8.♕d2 ♘d7 9.O-O-O ♖e8 10.♔b1 ♘f6 11.♗d3

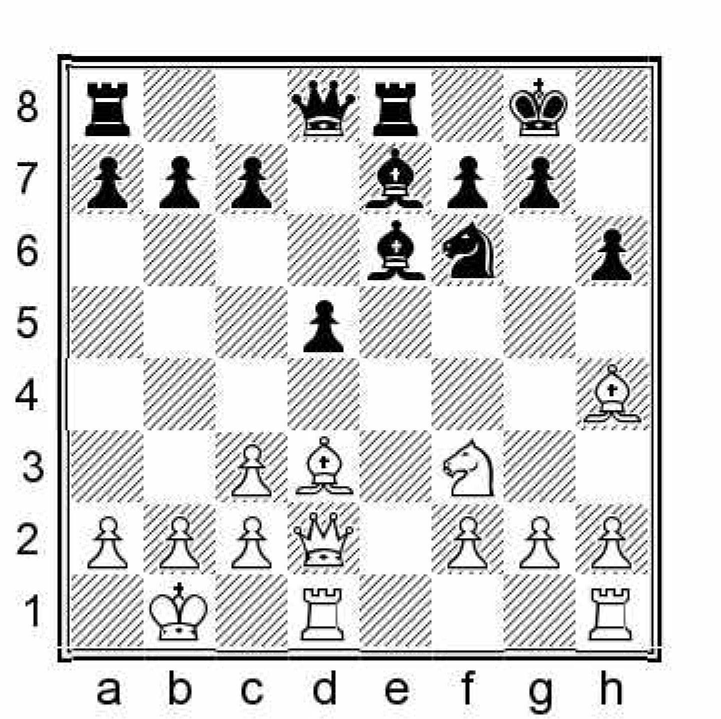


11...d5

11...♗d7 - 147/93

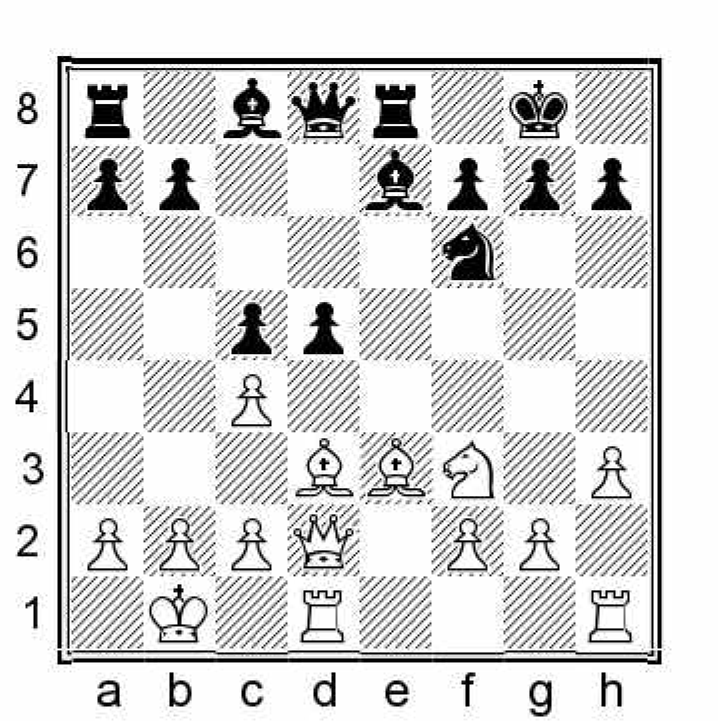
12.h3 - 152/100

12.♗g5N h6 13.♗h4 ♗e6



14.♖he1 (14.♘d4 ♗d7 15.f3 c5 16.♘f5 ♗xf5 17.♗xf5 ♕c7∞) 14...c5∓ Martinez Alcantara,J (2598)-Paravyan,D (2617) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/(100) 2022; 12.c4; 12.h4

12...c5 13.c4N



13.♖he1

13...b5!

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14.cxd5

14.cxb5?! a6 15.b6 (15.bxa6? ♕b6 16.♖he1 ♗xa6∓) 15...♕xb6 16.c3 a5∓

14...c4 15.d6

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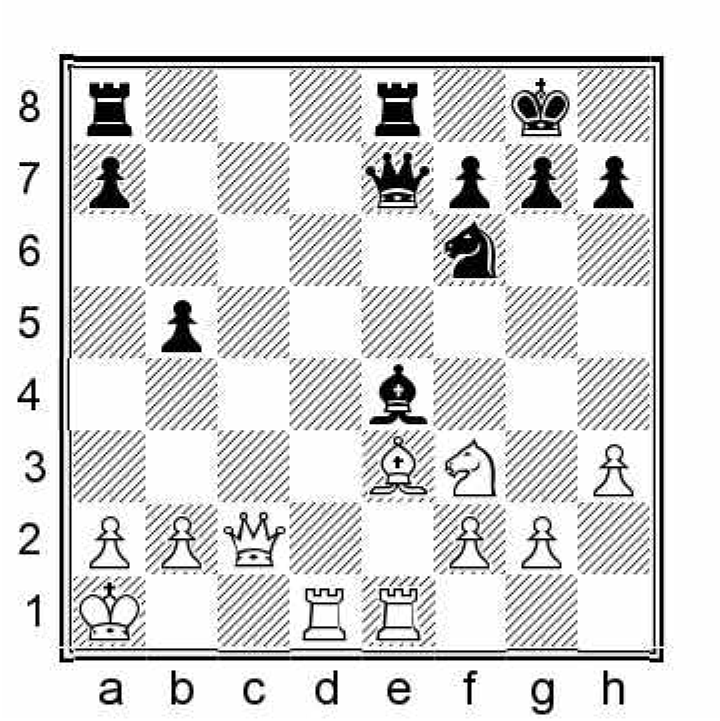

20.♕d2

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20...♕b7

20...♖ad8! 21.♕a5 (21.♘d4 ♗xg2 22.♖g1 ♗xh3 23.♘c6 ♕xe3! 24.♕xd8 (24.♕xe3 ♖xd1+ 25.♖xd1 ♖xe3 26.fxe3 h5∓) 24...♕xf2∓) 21...♘d5! 22.♗c5 (22.♕xb5? ♘b4-+) 22...♕d7 (22...♕xc5 23.♖xe4 ♘b6∓) 23.♘g5 ♗c2 24.♖c1 ♖xe1 25.♕xe1 ♗f5∓

21.♘h4

21.♗g5! ♗xf3 22.♗xf6 ♕c6 (22...♗xd1? 23.♕g5 g6 24.♕h6+-) 23.♕g5 ♕xf6 24.♕xf6 gxf6 25.gxf3 ♖xe1 26.♖xe1 ♖d8 27.♔b1=

21...♕a6?!

21...h6 22.♗d4 ♕a6 23.f3 ♗h7 24.g4 ♖ad8 25.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 26.♘g2 ♘c7∓

22.♕d6 ♕xd6 23.♖xd6 a5 24.b3?!

24.f3 ♗d5 25.♘f5 a4 26.♔b1 ♗c4 27.♗f2 ♘d5 28.♖d1 g6 29.♘h6+ ♔g7 30.♘g4 h5 31.♗d4+ ♔g8 32.♘e5 ♘e3! 33.♖d2 ♘d5=

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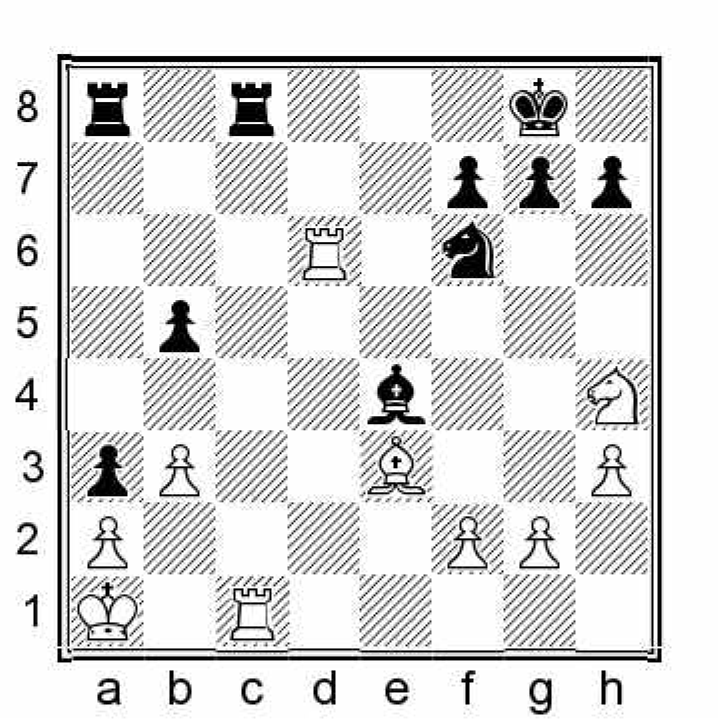
25.bxa4 ♖xa4 26.♖d4 b4 27.♖ed1 h6 28.♔b2 ♔h7∓

25...♖ec8 26.♖c1 a3+ 27.♔a1



27...♘d5! 28.♘f5 ♖e8?!

28...♖d8! 29.♖d1 (29.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 30.♘d6 ♘xe3 31.fxe3 ♗xg2-+) 29...♖xd6 30.♘xd6 ♘xe3 31.fxe3 ♗xg2 32.♘xb5 ♗xh3-+

29.♗d2

29.♘xg7! ♔xg7 30.♗h6+ ♔h8 31.f3 ♗xf3 32.gxf3 ♖e6 33.♖xe6 fxe6=

29...♗xf5 30.♖xd5 ♗e4 31.♖xb5 ♗xg2 32.h4 h6 33.♖g1 ♖e2 34.♗e3 ♔h7 35.♖c5

35.♖f5 f6 (35...♖f8 36.♖a5 ♖a8=) 36.♖c5 ♖d8 (36...♗h3?! 37.♖c7 ♖g8 38.♖a7±) 37.♖a5 ♖a8 38.♖c5=

35...♗h3 36.h5 ♖c8 37.♖a5 ♗g4! 38.♖xa3?!

38.b4 ♖cc2 39.♖xa3 ♗e6 40.♖a7 ♖b2 41.♗c5 ♖xa2+ 42.♖xa2 ♖xa2+ 43.♔b1 f6=

38...♗xh5 39.♖a5 g5 40.b4 f5?

40...♖cc2 41.b5 ♗f3 42.b6 ♔g6 43.♗d4 ♖c4 44.♗c5 (44.♖d1 h5∓) 44...f6∓

41.♖a7+ ♔g6 42.♖a6+ ♔h7 43.♖h1

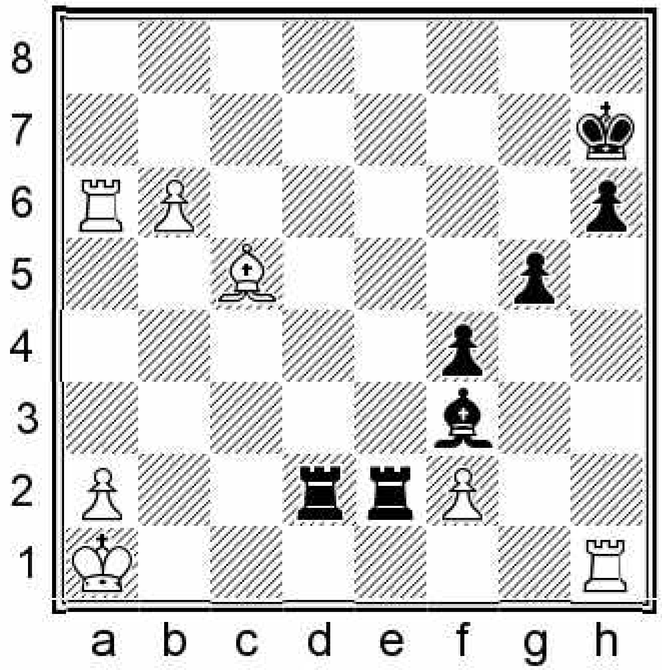
43.♖a7+ ♔g6=

43...f4 44.♗c5?

44.♖xh5 fxe3 45.♖hxh6+ ♔g7 46.♖ag6+ ♔f7 47.♖f6+ ♔e7 48.♖e6+ ♔f7 49.♖ef6+ ♔e7=

44...♖d8 45.b5 ♗f3

⌓45...♖dd2 46.b6 ♗f3



47.♖xh6+! (47.♖c1 ♗b7 48.♖a7 ♔g6 49.♗b4 ♖b2 50.♗c5 ♗d5∓) 47...♔xh6 48.b7+ ♔h5 49.b8=♕ ♖e1+ 50.♕b1 ♖xb1+ 51.♔xb1 ♗e4+ 52.♔a1 g4∓

46.♖hxh6+ ♔g8 47.♖hg6+ ♔h7 48.♖gd6 ♖xd6 49.♖xd6 ♖e5= 50.♖d7+ ♔g6 51.♖c7 g4 52.b6 g3 53.fxg3 fxg3 54.♗d4 g2 55.♖c1 ♖e2 56.a3 ♖d2 57.♗c5 ♗d5 58.♔b1 ♗e4+ 59.♔a1 ♗d5 1/2-1/2

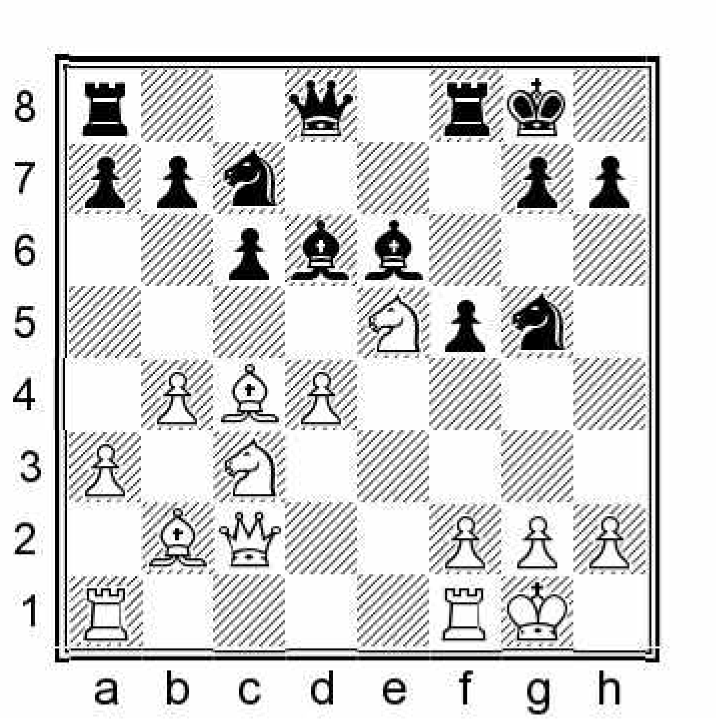
101. * C42
Saric, Ivan (2687) - Rabiega, Robert (2505)
Deutschland 152/101, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♗d6 7.O-O O-O 8.c4 c6 9.♕c2 ♘a6 10.a3 f5 11.♘c3 ♘c7 12.b4 ♗e6

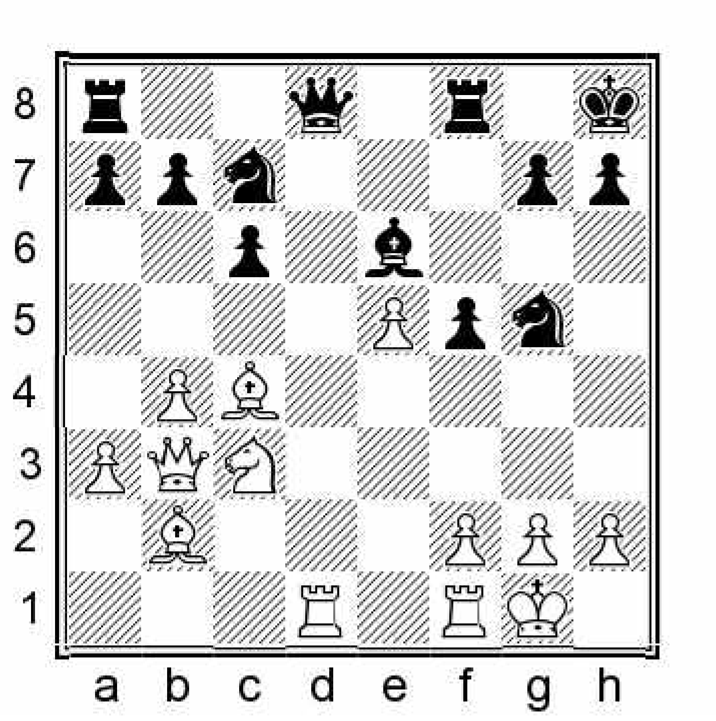
12...a5 - 88/285

12...♔h8 - 86/(313)

12...♗d7 13.♗b2 ♘g5 14.♘e5 dxc4 (14...♗xe5 15.dxe5 f4 16.f3±) 15.♗xc4+ ♗e6

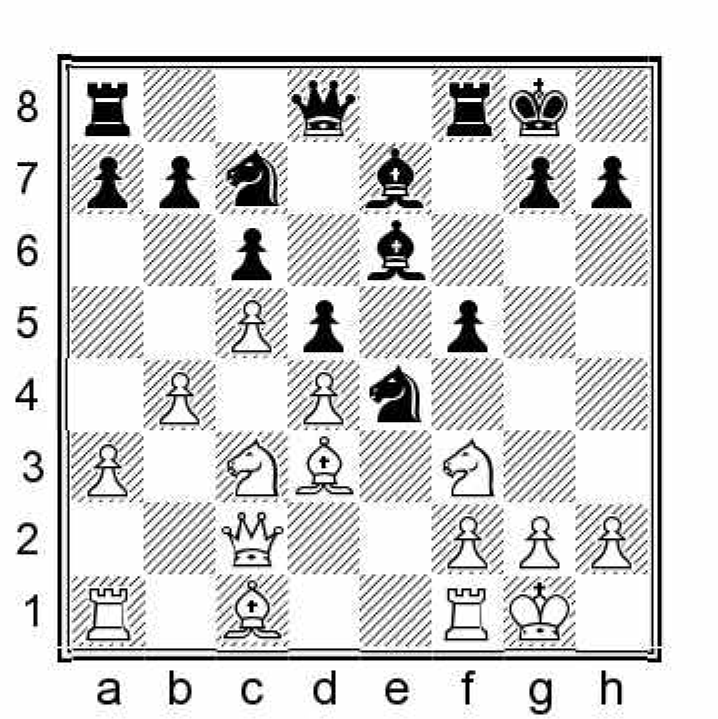


16.♕b3N (16.♘a4 ♗xe5 17.dxe5 ♗xc4 18.♕xc4+ ♕d5∞) 16...♔h8 17.♖ad1 ♗xe5 18.dxe5



18...♘f3+! 19.gxf3 ♕g5+= 20.♔h1 ♕f4 21.♗xe6 1/2 (21) Saric,I (2687)-Vocaturo,D (2614) Terme Catez 152/(101) 2022

13.c5 ♗e7



14.♘e5N

14.a4

14...♗g5

14...♗f6 15.♘e2! g6 16.♗e3 ♘g5 17.f3±

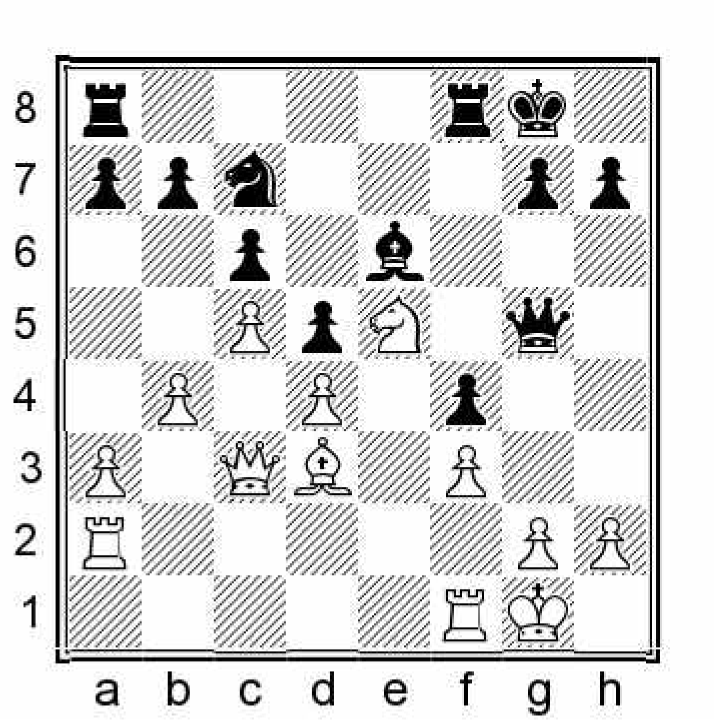
15.f3

15.♗xg5!? ♘xg5 16.b5 ♗d7 (16...cxb5 17.♘xb5 ♘xb5 18.♗xb5±) 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.h4 ♘e4 19.♘e2±

15...♗xc1 16.♕xc1 ♘xc3 17.♕xc3 f4 18.♖a2

18.a4! a6 19.b5 axb5 20.axb5 ♘xb5 21.♗xb5 cxb5 22.♕b3 ♖a5 23.♖fb1±

18...♕g5?!



18...♗f5 19.♗xf5 ♖xf5 20.♖e2 a6 21.a4 ♖f8 22.♖fe1±

19.b5! cxb5

19...♘xb5 20.♕b2 ♖ab8 21.♗xb5 cxb5 22.♕xb5 ♖fc8 23.♖e1±

20.♕a5

20.a4!? bxa4 21.♖b1 ♗c8 (21...♖fb8 22.♕c2 g6 23.♕xa4 ♕f6 24.♖ab2±) 22.♖xa4 g6 23.♖ba1 a6 24.♖b4±

20...♕e7 21.♖c1 ♖fc8

21...♗f7 22.♖e1 ♘e6 23.♕xb5 ♘xd4 24.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 25.♕d3+ ♔g8 26.♕xd4±

22.♖ac2

22.♖e2 a6 23.♖ce1 ♖e8 24.a4 bxa4 25.♕xa4±

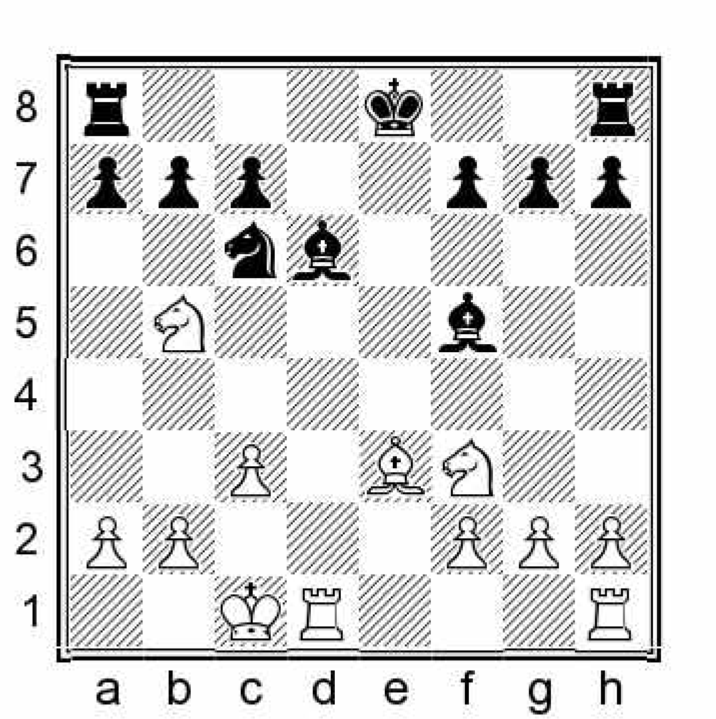
22...♗d7 23.♕d2 ♖f8 24.♘xd7 ♕xd7 25.c6 bxc6 26.♖xc6 ♘e8 27.♕b4 ♘f6

27...♖f6 28.♖xf6 ♘xf6 29.♗xb5 ♕e6 30.♕d2 a6 31.♗d3±

28.♗xb5 ♕f5 29.♖c7 ♕g5 30.♕e7 ♖ab8 31.a4 a6 32.♕e6+ ♔h8 33.♕xa6+- h6 34.♕d6 ♘g4 35.♖f7! 1-0

102. C43
Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2651) - Markus, Robert (2609)
Oesterreich 152/102, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.d4 exd4 4.e5 ♘e4 5.♕xd4 d5 6.exd6 ♘xd6 7.♘c3 ♘c6 8.♕f4 ♗f5 9.♗b5 ♕e7+ 10.♗e3 ♘xb5 11.♘xb5 ♕b4+ 12.♕xb4 ♗xb4+ 13.c3 ♗d6 14.O-O-O

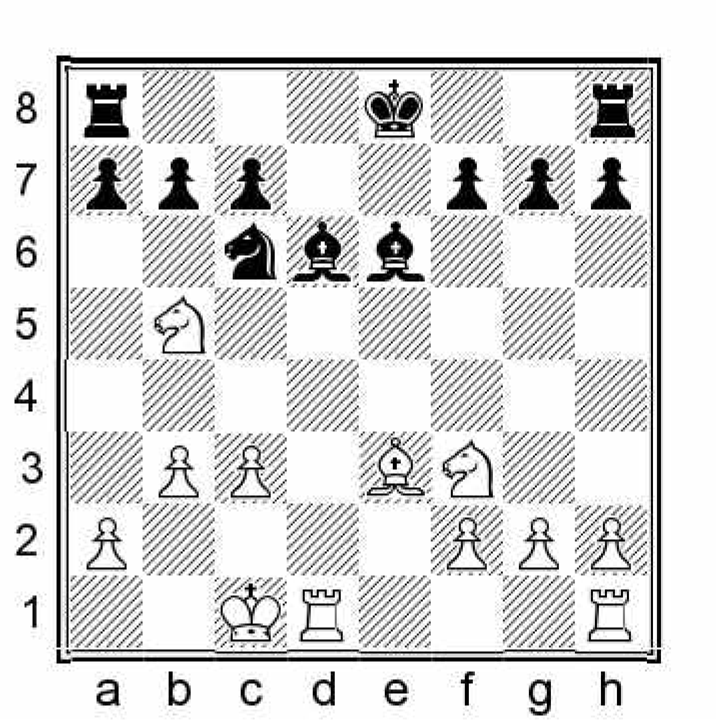


14.♘xd6+ - 10/264

14...♗e6!?N

14...♔e7?! 15.♖he1 ♗e6 16.♘g5! (16.♗g5+?! f6 17.♘fd4 ♘xd4 18.♘xd4 fxg5=) 16...h6 17.♘e4! ♗e5 (17...♖hd8 18.f4 ♖d7 19.♗c5!±) 18.f4 a6 19.♘a3 ♗d6 20.♘c2 ♖he8 (20...♗xa2 21.♗c5!±) 21.b3±; 14...♖d8 15.♖he1!? (15.♘xd6+ ♖xd6 16.♗f4 ♖d7 17.♖he1+ ♔d8=) 15...O-O (15...♗e6 16.♘bd4 ♘xd4 17.♘xd4 O-O 18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.a4⩲) 16.♘xd6 ♖xd6 17.♖xd6 cxd6 18.♖d1 ♖d8 19.♘d4⩲; 14...O-O-O 15.♘fd4 (15.♗xa7?! ♘xa7 16.♘xa7+ ♔b8 17.♘b5 ♗f4+ 18.♘d2 c5 19.♘a3 ♖he8 20.♘c4 ♖e2 21.g3 ♗h6 22.f4 g5 23.g4 ♗xg4 24.♖hg1 ♗e6 25.fxg5 ♗g7 26.h4 b5 27.♘a5 ♔c7∓; 15.♘xd6+ ♖xd6 16.♖xd6 cxd6 17.♖d1 ♔c7 18.♗f4 ♖d8 19.c4 b6 20.♖d2 ♘b4 21.♘d4 ♘d3+ 22.♔c2 ♘xf4+ 23.♘xf5 ♘xg2 24.♘xg7 ♖g8 25.♘f5 ♖g6=) 15...♘xd4 16.♘xa7+ ♔b8 17.♖xd4 ♖de8! (17...c6 18.♖xd6! ♖xd6 19.♗f4 ♖d8 20.♖d1 ♔xa7 21.♗xd6±) 18.♘b5 ♗c5 19.♖f4 ♗xe3+ 20.fxe3 ♗d3=

15.b3



15.♘xd6+ cxd6 16.♖xd6 ♗xa2 17.♗c5 (17.♔c2 ♘a5⇄) 17...O-O (17...♖d8!? 18.♖e1+ ♗e6 19.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 20.♘d4 ♘xd4 21.♗xd4 ♔d7 22.♖e3 ♖g8 23.♗xa7 ♖a8 24.♗d4 ♖a1+ 25.♔d2 ♖h1⇄) 18.♔c2 a5!? (18...♗c4 19.♖xc6 bxc6 20.♗xf8 ♔xf8 21.♘d2 ♗d5 22.f3 ♗e6 23.♖a1 ♗f5+ 24.♔d1 a5 25.♖a4 c5 26.♘c4±) 19.♖a1 ♗e6 20.♖xc6 (20.♖xe6 fxe6 21.♗xf8 ♖xf8 22.♖e1 ♖f6 23.♖e2 h6 24.♘d2 ♖f5 25.♘e4 ♖h5 26.h3 ♔f7=) 20...bxc6 21.♗xf8 ♔xf8 22.b4 a4 23.♔b2 ♔e7 24.♔a3 ♔d6 25.♖d1+ ♔c7 26.♖d4 ♗d5 27.♖f4 f6 28.c4 ♗g8 29.♖e4 c5⇄

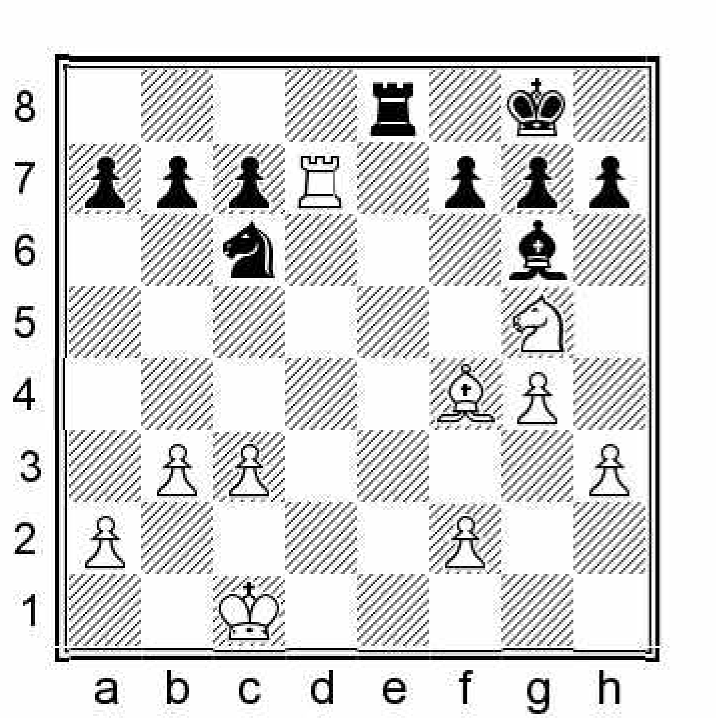
15...♖d8

15...O-O-O!? 16.♗xa7 (16.♘xd6+ ♖xd6 17.♖xd6 cxd6 18.♖d1 ♖d8 19.♘g5 d5 20.♘xe6 fxe6 21.♔d2 ♔c7=) 16...♘xa7 17.♘xa7+ ♔b8 18.♘b5 ♗f4+ 19.♔b2 ♗g4 20.♘bd4 ♖he8 21.♖he1 c5⯹

16.♖he1 O-O 17.♘xd6

17.♔b2 ♗g4 18.♘xd6 cxd6 19.♖d5!? ♖fe8 (19...♗xf3 20.gxf3 ♖fe8 21.♖ed1 ♖e6 22.c4±) 20.♘d4 ♘e7 (20...♘xd4 21.♖xd4 ♗f5 22.g4±) 21.♖a5 a6 22.♘c2 f6 23.♗b6 ♖a8 24.f3 ♗d7 25.♖d1↑ Δ Nb4

17.h3!? ♖d7 18.♘xd6 cxd6 (18...♖xd6 19.♗f4! ♖xd1+ 20.♖xd1 ♖c8 21.♘g5 ♗f5 22.g4 ♗g6 23.♖d7 ♖e8



24.♘f3! ♖e2 25.♘d4 ♖e7 26.♖d5±) 19.♘d4 ♘xd4 20.♖xd4 ♖e8 21.♔b2 b6 22.a4 f6 23.♖a1±

17...♖xd6 18.♖xd6 cxd6 19.♖d1 ♖d8 20.♘d4

20.h3 f6 21.♔b2 ♔f7 22.♘d4 ♘xd4 23.♗xd4 ♖a8 24.a4 a5!? 25.♗e3 ♖a6 26.c4 ♔e7 27.♖d3 ♖c6=

20...♘xd4 21.♖xd4 a6 22.♗f4 d5 23.a4 b5

23...♖c8 24.♔b2 a5 25.b4 f6 26.♔b3 axb4 27.cxb4 ♔f7 28.b5±; 23...f6!? 24.♔b2 ♔f7 25.♖b4 (25.♔a3 ♖c8 26.♔b4 ♖c6!? 27.♗e3 ♖b6+ 28.♔a3 ♖c6 29.♖b4 ♗c8 30.♔b2 g5∞) 25...♖d7 26.♖b6 (26.♗e3 ♗f5 Δ Be4) 26...d4! 27.cxd4 ♗d5 28.f3 h5⇄

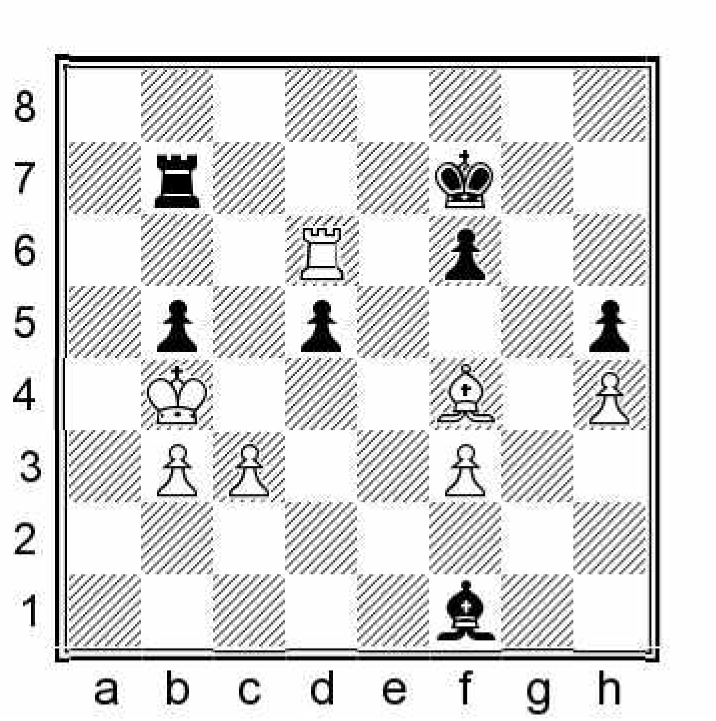
24.♔b2 ♖c8 25.♗d2 ♔f8

25...bxa4 26.♖xa4 ♖c6 27.♗e3 f6 28.♖b4±

26.axb5 axb5 27.♔a3 ♔e7 28.♔b4 ♖b8 29.♗f4 ♖b7 30.♗e3 h5 31.♖d2 g6 32.♗d4 ♗f5 33.♗c5+ ♔e6 34.♖e2+ ♔d7 35.h4 ♔c6 36.♖a2 ♗d3 37.♖a6+ ♔c7 38.♗d6+ ♔d8 39.f3 ♗f1 40.♖a2

40.g4 hxg4 41.fxg4 ♗e2 42.g5 ♗d1 43.♗e5 ♔e7 44.♖f6 ♗c2 45.♗d4 ♖b8 46.♗c5+ ♔e8 47.♖f2 ♗d1 48.♖d2 ♗f3=

40...♔d7 41.♗f4 ♔e6 42.g4 f6 43.♖a6+ ♔f7 44.gxh5 gxh5 45.♖d6



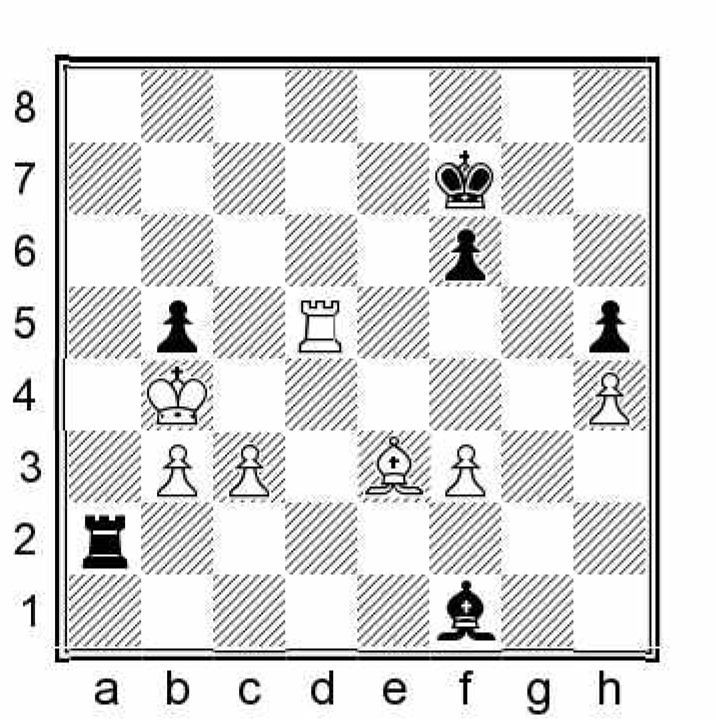
45...♖a7

45...♗e2 46.♗e3 ♗xf3 47.♗d4 ♔e7 48.♖xf6 ♗d1 49.♖f5 ♔e6 50.♖e5+ ♔d6 51.♖e1! ♗g4 52.♗c5+ ♔d7 53.♖e5±; 45...♖e7! 46.♖xd5 ♔g6 (Δ Re1) 47.♗d2 (47.♖d6 ♔f5) 47...♖e5! 48.c4 bxc4 49.bxc4 ♗e2 50.♖d6 ♔f5=

46.♖xd5

46.♗e3 ♖a2 47.♗d4 ♖h2 48.♖xf6+ ♔e7 49.♖f4 ♔d6 50.♗f6±

46...♖a2 47.♗e3



47.♖xh5 ♖b2 48.♔a3 ♖f2 49.♖d5 ♖xf3 50.♗d2 ♔e6 51.♖c5 (51.♖d4 ♖h3 52.♔b4 ♔e5 Δ Be2⇄) 51...♖d3 52.♗c1 ♗e2 53.♔b4 ♖d1! 54.♗e3 ♖b1 55.♔a3 ♖a1+ 56.♔b2 ♖h1⇄

47...♖b2! 48.♖xh5

48.♔a3 ♖xb3+! 49.♔xb3 ♗c4+=

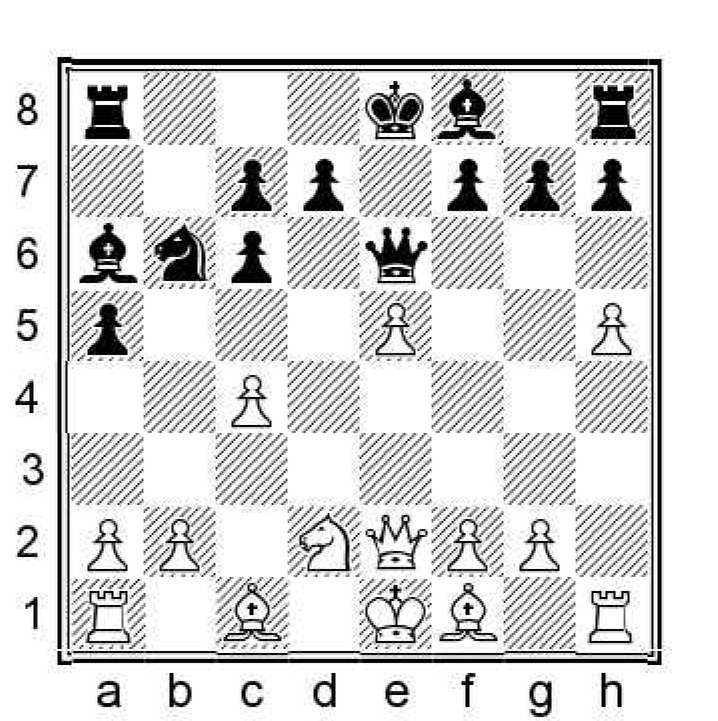
48...♗c4 49.♗d4 ♖xb3+ 50.♔c5 ♔g6 51.♖h8 ♖a3 52.h5+ ♔g7 53.♖d8 ♔h6 54.♖d6 ♔xh5 55.♖xf6 ♔g5 56.♖f8 ♖a7= 57.♗e5 ♔g6 58.♖f6+ ♔g5 59.f4+ ♔g4 60.♔d4 ♖f7

60...♖a1=

61.♖g6+ ♔f3 62.♖g5 ♖d7+ 63.♔c5 ♖d5+ 1/2-1/2

103. C45
Erigaisi, Arjun Kumar (2660) - Lalith, Babu MR (2558)
New Delhi 152/103, 2022

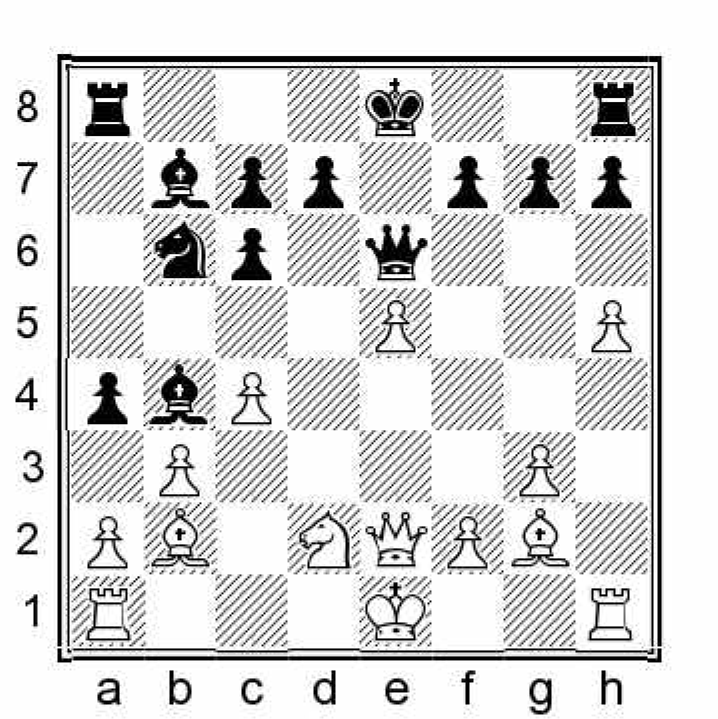
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.e5 ♕e7 7.♕e2 ♘d5 8.h4 ♕e6 9.♘d2 a5 10.c4 ♘b6 11.h5 ♗a6



12.b3N

12.h6 - 145/97

12...a4 13.♗b2 ♗b7 14.g3 ♗b4 15.♗g2



15...axb3

15...♕h6! 16.♖d1 (16.f4 O-O 17.O-O-O!? (17.O-O d5 18.g4 ♕e6 19.f5 ♕e7⇄) 17...axb3 18.axb3 d5 19.exd6 cxd6 20.♕e7 ♖ab8 21.g4 ♗c8⇄) 16...axb3 17.axb3 ♖a2 18.♗d4 O-O 19.♗e3 ♕e6 20.h6 ♕xe5 21.O-O↑

16.axb3 ♖xa1+ 17.♗xa1 O-O?

17...♕h6! 18.♗b2 (18.♔d1!? O-O 19.♔c2 d5⇄) 18...O-O 19.♗c1 ♖a8 20.O-O ♖a2 21.♗e4 g6!⇄

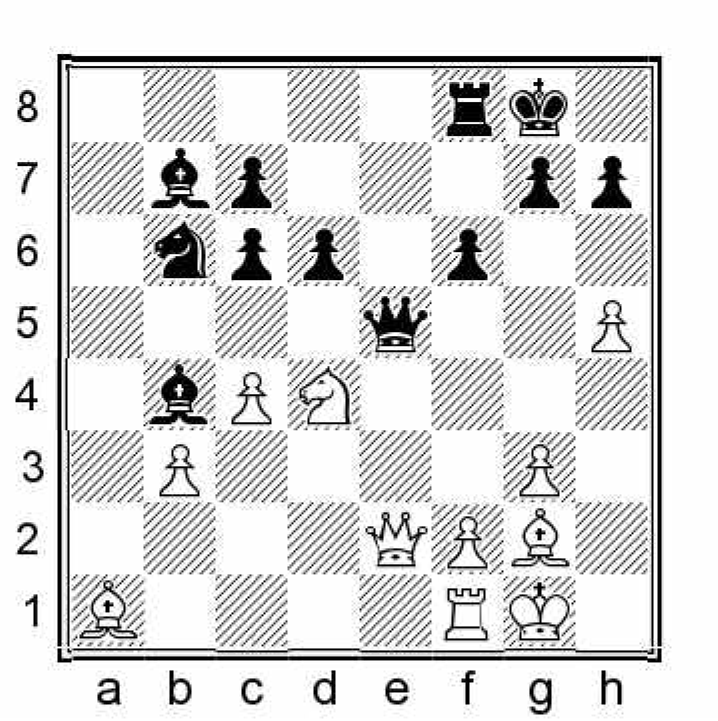
18.O-O± d6

18...d5 19.♘f3 dxc4 20.♘d4 ♕h6 21.bxc4 ♗a6 22.♕g4±

19.♘f3 f6?

19...♘d7 20.♘g5 ♕h6 21.e6 fxe6 22.♕xe6+ ♕xe6 23.♘xe6 ♖a8 24.♘xc7 ♖a3 25.♘e6±

20.♘d4! ♕xe5



21.♕d1! ♕e7

21...♗c5 22.♖e1 ♗xd4 (22...♕g5 23.♘e6 ♕f5 24.♗f3+-) 23.♖xe5 ♗xe5 24.♗xe5 fxe5 25.c5+-; 21...♕e8 22.♘c2 ♗c5 23.b4+-

22.h6 g6 23.♗xc6 ♗c8 24.♘c2 d5

24...♗c5 25.b4+-

25.♘xb4 ♕xb4 26.♗xd5+ ♔h8 27.♗g2 ♗f5 28.g4 1-0

104. C45
Erigaisi, Arjun Kumar (2675) - Van Foreest, Lucas (2572)
Sharjah 152/104, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.e5 ♕e7 7.♕e2 ♘d5 8.h4 f6 9.c4 ♗a6 10.♖h3 O-O-O

10...fxe5 - 145/98

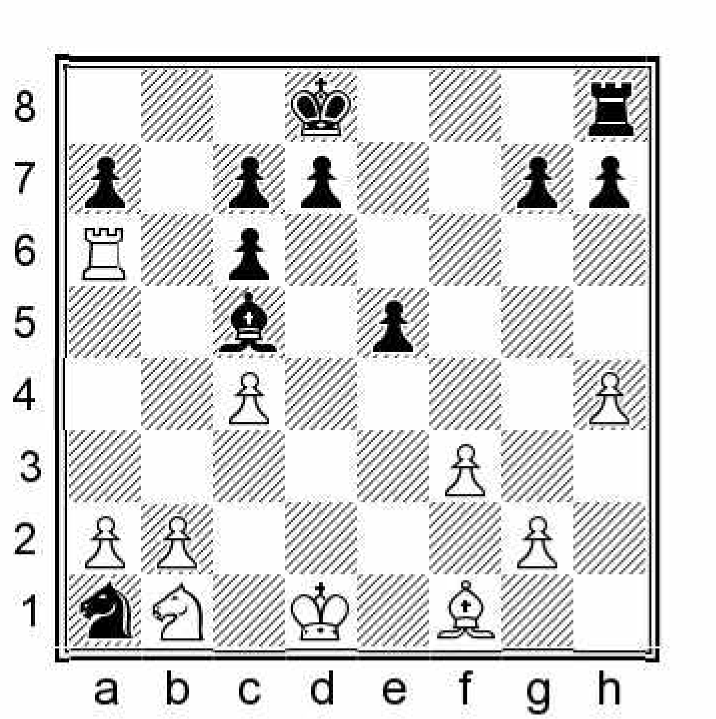
11.♖a3 ♘b4 12.♖a4 ♕xe5

12...♕e6 13.a3 ♗xc4 14.♕xc4 ♕xc4 15.♗xc4 ♘c2+ 16.♔d1 ♘xa1 17.exf6 gxf6 18.b4 ♗d6 19.♗b2 ♗e5 20.♘c3±

13.♕xe5 fxe5 14.♗g5 ♘c2+

14...♖e8 15.♔d1 ♗b7 16.a3 ♘a6 17.b4↑

15.♔d1 ♘xa1 16.♗xd8 ♔xd8 17.♖xa6 ♗c5 18.f3



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18...♗d4? 19.♔c1±

19.♖a5

19.♘d2 ♖f4 20.♖a5 ♗b4 21.♖xe5 ♖d4 22.♖e2 ♖xh4 23.♘e4 h5!∞

19...♗d4 20.♘d2

20.♘c3 ♖f4 21.♘e2 ♖xh4 22.♘xd4 exd4 23.♔d2 ♖h1 24.♗d3 h6∞

20...♗xb2 21.♖xa7 ♔e7 22.♖xc7 ♗d4 23.♗d3 g6

23...♔d8 24.♖b7 ♔c8 25.♖b4 ♔c7 26.♖a4 ♖b8∞

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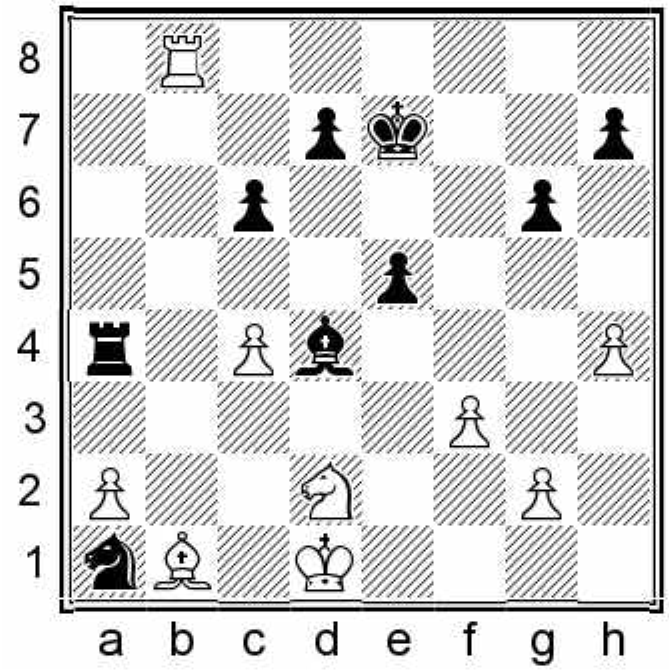
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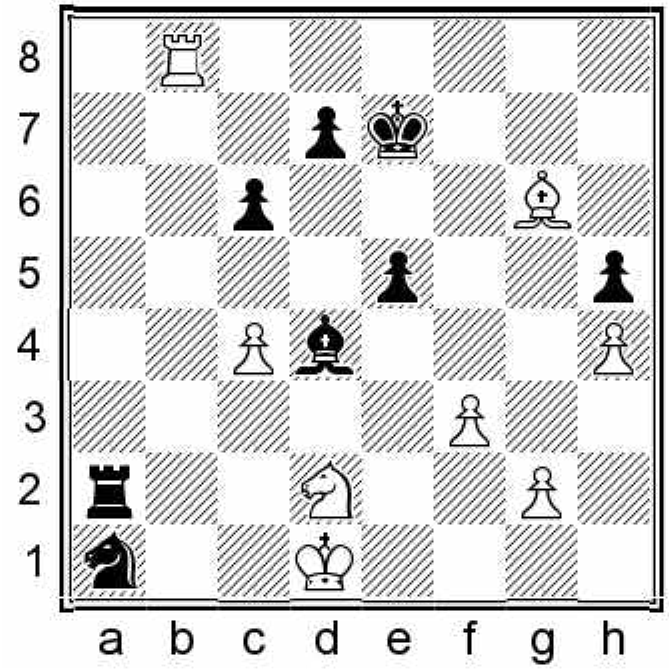
26...h5?!

26...e4! 27.fxe4 (27.♘xe4 ♗e5 28.♖b7 ♖xc4∞; 27.♗xe4 ♖xa2 28.♗b1 ♖a3=) 27...♗c3 28.♘f3 ♖xc4∞

27.♗xg6 d5

27...♖xa2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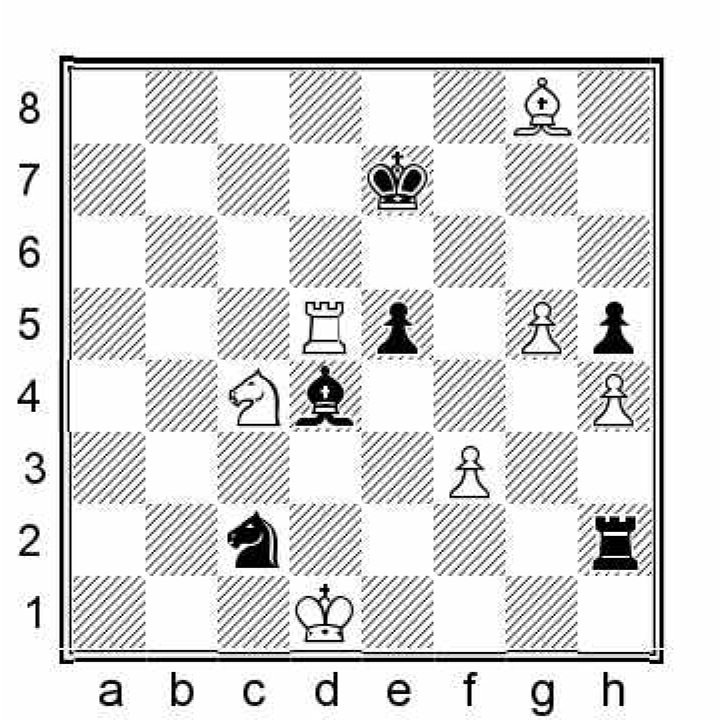

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36.♗h7?

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36...♘b4 37.♖b5 ♖h1+?

37...♘a2!

38.♔e2 ♖h2+ 39.♔f1 ♖f2+ 40.♔e1 ♖a2 41.♘xe5

41.♖b7+ ♔f8 42.♘d6 ♖a1+ (42...♖a7 43.♖b8+ ♔g7 44.♗e4+-) 43.♔e2 ♖a2+ 44.♔f1 ♖f2+ 45.♔e1 ♖xf3 46.♖b8+ ♔g7 47.♗e4 ♖f4 48.♖b7+ ♔f8 49.g6+-

41...♖a1+

41...♔d6 42.♘c4+ ♔c6 43.♖b8 ♔c7 44.♖f8 ♖a1+ 45.♔e2 ♖a2+ 46.♔f1 ♘d5 47.♗e4+-

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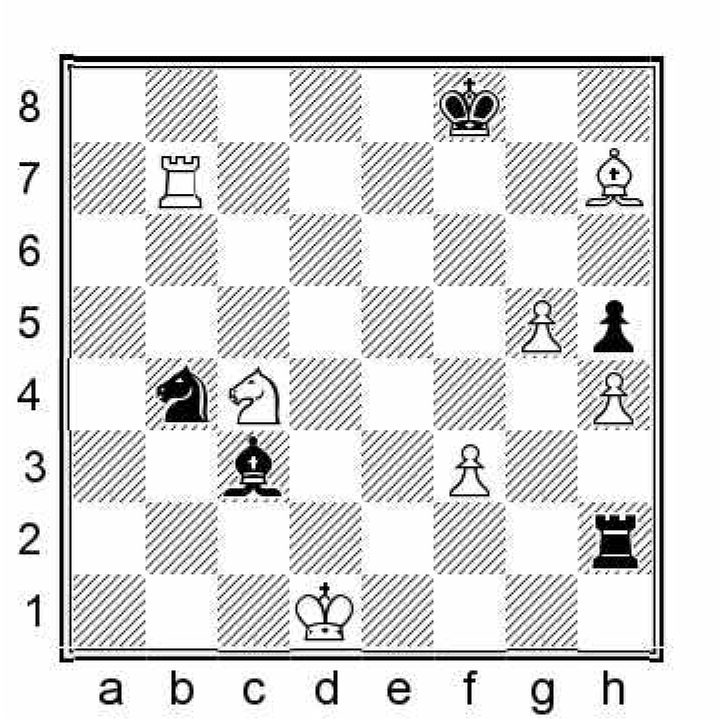


48.g6?

48.♗e4! ♖xh4 49.g6 ♖h2 50.♖f7+ ♔g8 51.♖d7 h4 52.♘e3+-

48...♖h1+ 49.♔e2 ♖e1+ 50.♔f2 ♖e7!= 51.♖xe7 ♔xe7 52.f4 ♔f8 53.♘d6 ♘d5 54.♔f3 ♗f6 55.♘f5 ♗b2 56.g7+ ♗xg7 57.♗g6 ♗c3 58.♘g3 ♗e1 59.♗xh5 ♗xg3 60.♔xg3 ♘xf4 1/2-1/2

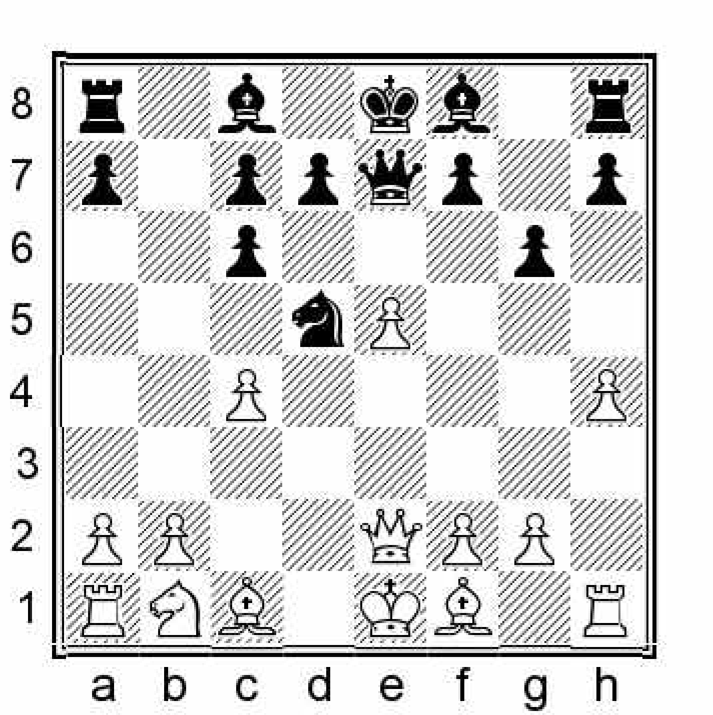
105. C45
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679) - Paravyan, David (2617)
chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/105, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.e5 ♕e7 7.♕e2 ♘d5 8.h4 g6!?

8...d6 - 148/103

9.♘d2

9.c4



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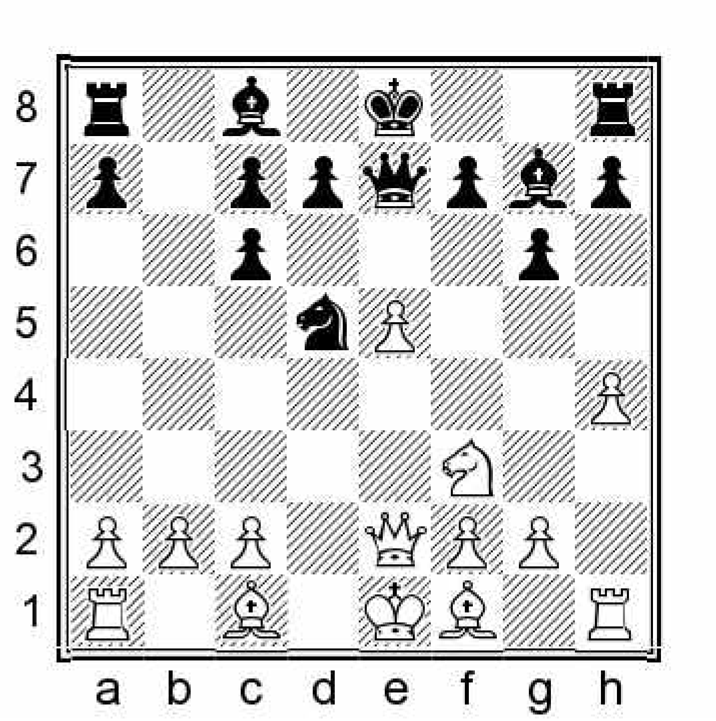
9...♗g7 10.♘f3



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10...O-ON

10...d6 11.♗g5 ♕e6 12.c4 ♘b6 13.O-O-O O-O 14.♘d4 (14.exd6 cxd6 15.♕xe6 ♗xe6 16.♖xd6 ♗xc4=) 14...♕d7 15.h5 c5 16.hxg6 cxd4!? (16...fxg6 17.e6 ♕a4 18.e7 ♖e8 19.♘e6 ♕xa2 20.♘xg7 ♔xg7 21.♕c2 ♗f5 22.♗d3 ♗xd3 23.♖xd3 ♕a1+ 24.♔d2 ♕xh1 25.♕c3+ ♔g8 26.♕f6 ♘xc4+ 27.♔e2 ♕h5+ 28.♖f3 ♘e5! 29.♕e6+ ♔g7 30.♕f6+=) 17.♕h5 h6 18.♗xh6 ♗xh6+ 19.♕xh6 fxg6 20.♕h8+ (20.♖xd4 ♕g7 21.♕e3 ♗f5 22.c5 ♕xe5=) 20...♔f7 21.♕f6+ ♔e8 22.♕xg6+ ♕f7 23.♗d3 ♕xg6 24.♗xg6+ ♔e7 25.♖h7+ ♔e6 26.exd6 cxd6 27.♖xd4 d5 28.cxd5+ ♔d6∞

11.c4

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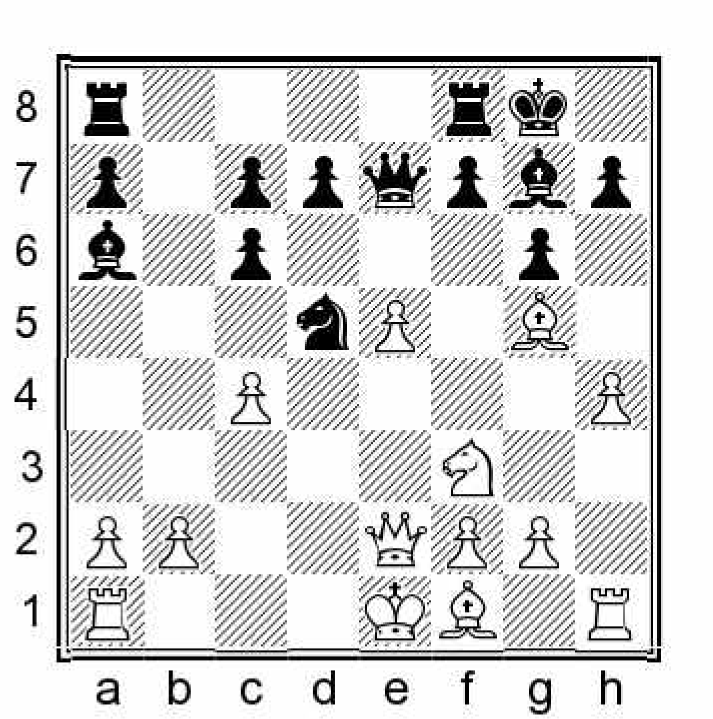
11...♗a6! 12.♗g5



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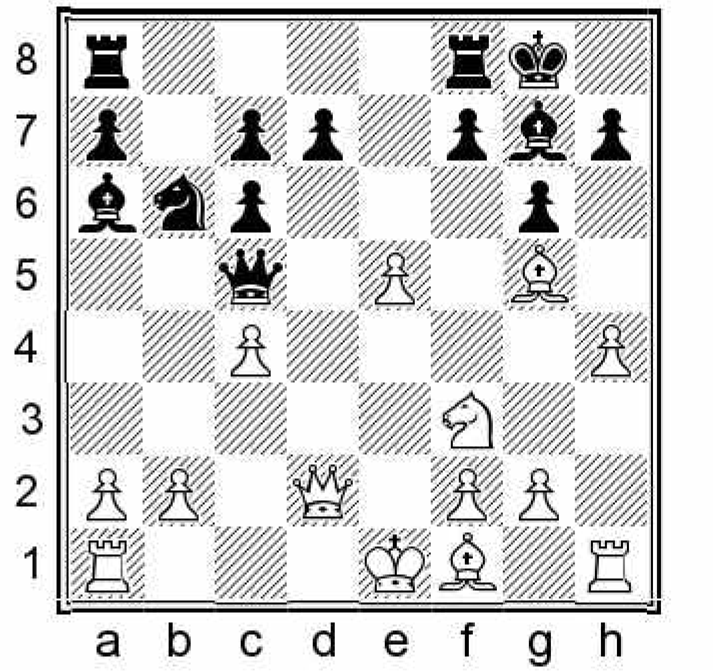
13.♕d2!± ♘b6?



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106. C45
Acs, Peter (2565) - Nemeth, Miklos (2468)
Magyarorszag 152/106, 2022

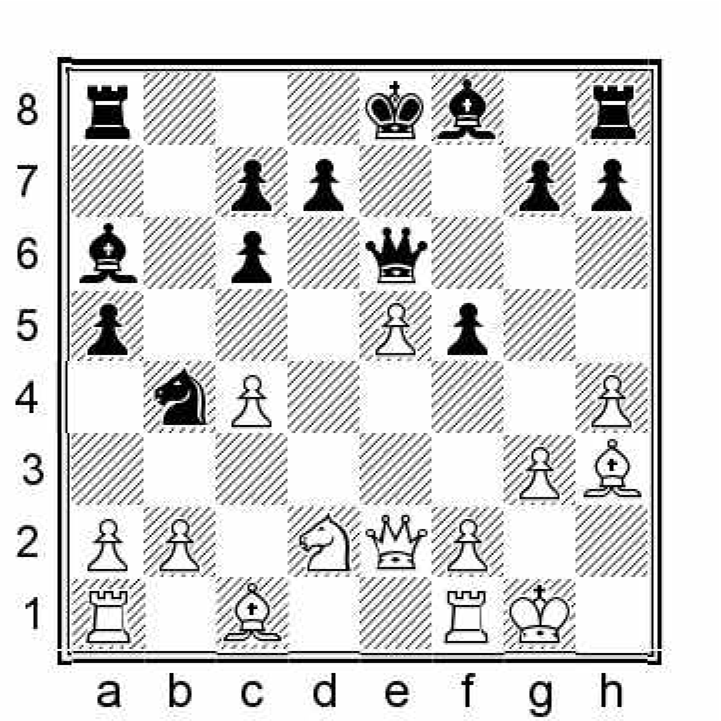
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.e5 ♕e7 7.♕e2 ♘d5 8.h4 ♕e6 9.♘d2 a5 10.g3

10.c4 - 139/(117)

10...♗a6 11.c4 ♘b4 12.♗h3 f5

12...♕g6? 13.♘e4+-

13.O-O



13...♗e7N

13...♘c2

14.b3 O-O 15.♗b2 a4 16.♖fc1 axb3 17.♘xb3?!

17.axb3 c5 (17...d5?! 18.♗c3 c5 19.♗xb4 cxb4 20.cxd5 ♗xe2 21.dxe6±) 18.♗g2 ♖ab8 19.f4±

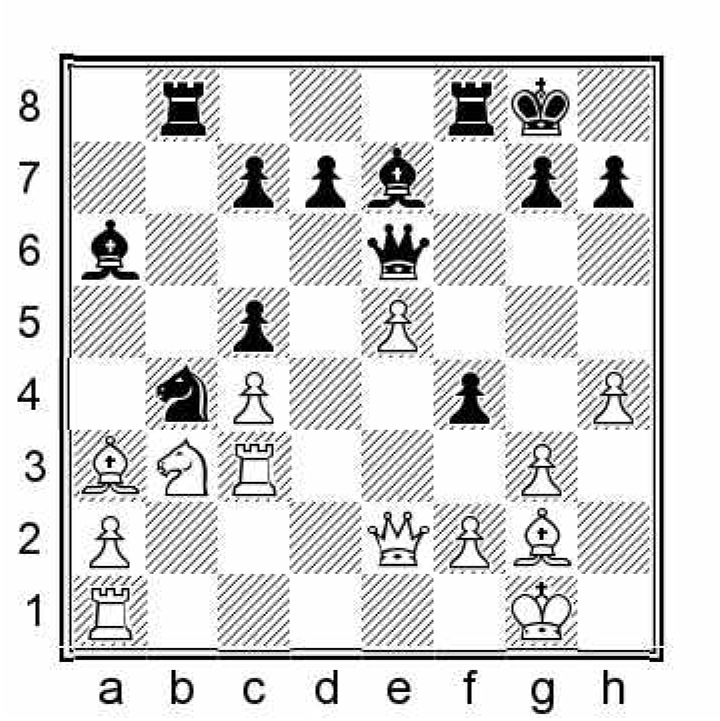
17...c5 18.♗g2 ♖ab8

18...f4!? 19.♗xa8 ♖xa8 20.♘a5! fxg3 21.fxg3 ♗c8 22.a3 ♖xa5 23.axb4 ♖xa1 24.♖xa1 cxb4=∞

19.♗a3?!

19.♘a5! f4 20.♖c3 c6 21.♔h2∞

19...f4 20.♖c3



20...♔h8?!

20...d6! 21.♖e1 dxe5 22.♗c1 fxg3 23.fxg3 ♗b7 24.♗xb7 ♖xb7∓

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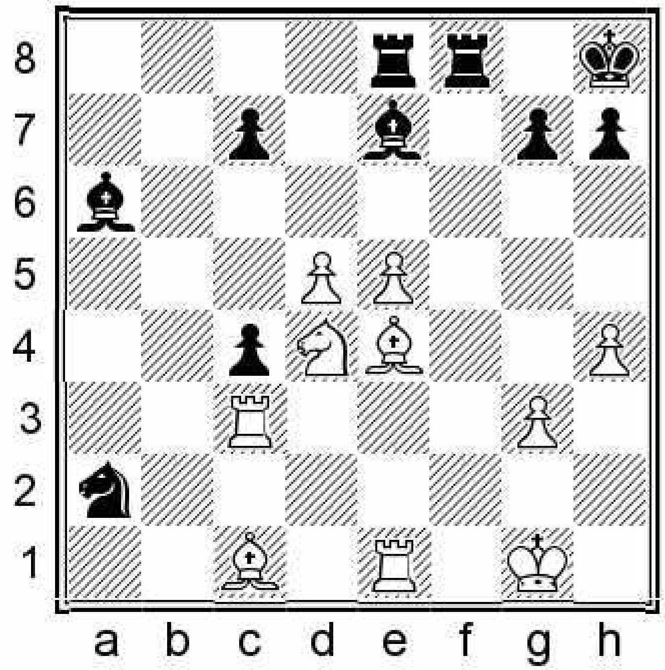
22.♗c1 fxg3

22...f3!? 23.♗xf3 ♖xf3 24.♕xf3 ♘xa2 25.♖ce3 ♗xc4=∞

23.fxg3 ♕b6

23...d5!? 24.cxd5 (24.exd6 ♕xe2 25.♖xe2 cxd6∓) 24...♕f5 25.♕e4 (25.♕d1 ♘d3∓) 25...c4 26.♘d4 ♕xe4 27.♗xe4 ♘xa2



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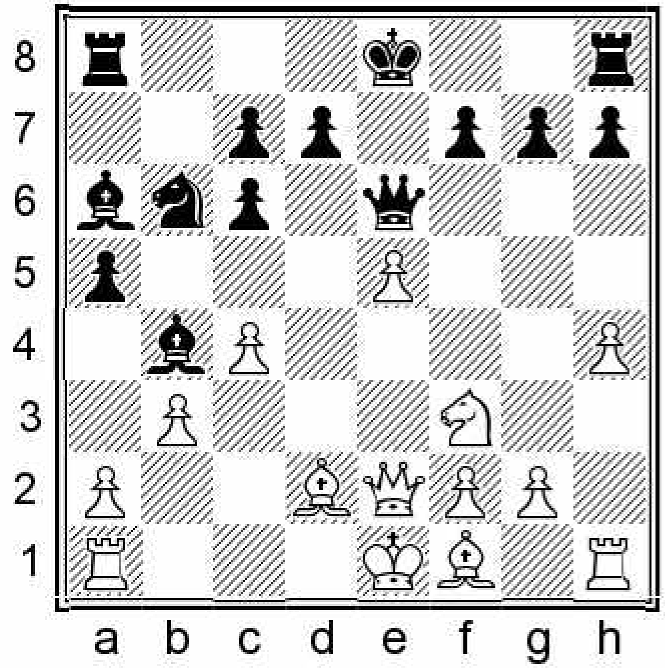
24.♖e3 ♕e6 25.♖c3 ♕b6 26.♖e3 ♕e6 27.♖c3 ♕b6 1/2-1/2

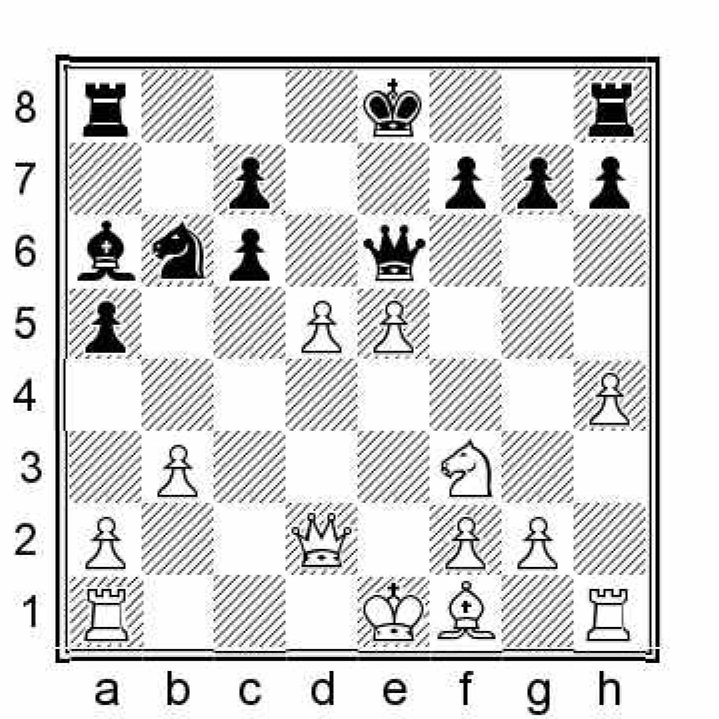
107. * C45
Khanin, Semen (2509) - Ali Marandi, Cemil Can (2524)
Saint Louis 152/107, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.e5 ♕e7 7.♕e2 ♘d5 8.h4 ♕e6 9.♘d2 a5 10.♘f3 ♗a6 11.c4 ♗b4+ 12.♗d2 ♘b6 13.b3



13...O-ON - 152/107

13...♗xd2+? - 152/(107) 14.♕xd2 d5 15.cxd5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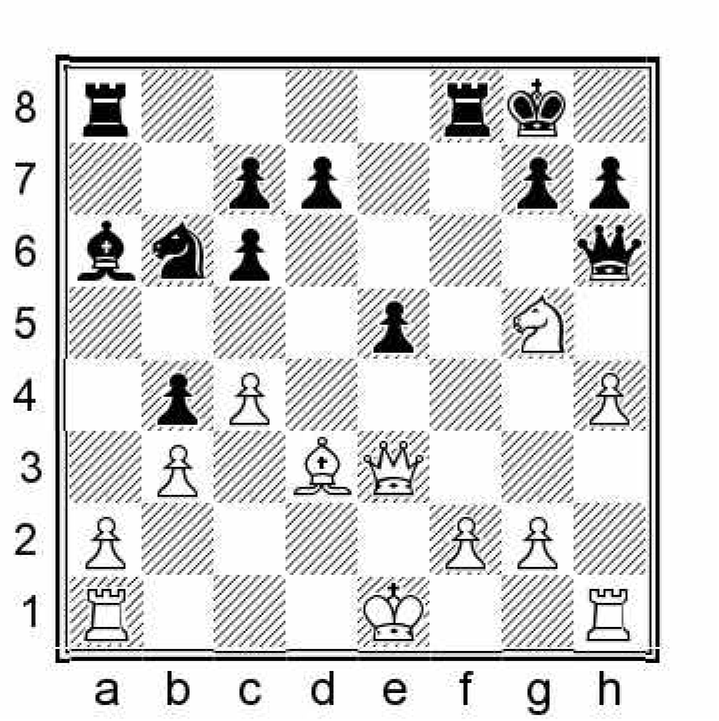
15...cxd5N (15...♕xd5 16.♗xa6 ♕xd2+ 17.♔xd2 ♖xa6 18.♖ac1±) 16.♗xa6 ♖xa6 17.♕e2 ♖a8 18.♘d4± Tari,A (2654)-Rostovtsev,D (2299) chess.com (Int. -blitz) 152/(107) 2022

14.♗xb4 axb4 15.♕e3 f6 16.♗d3 fxe5?!

16...d5!∞

17.♘g5 ♕h6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20.♘g5 d5?

20...♖f8 21.h5 d5 22.♗h7+ ♔h8 23.♗g6 ♖f6 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.♘f7+ ♔g8 26.♘xe5 c5±

21.♗h7+ ♔h8 22.♗g6

22.c5! ♘d7 23.♗f5 ♔g8 24.♘e6 ♖dc8 25.♖h3+-

22...♖f8 23.h5 dxc4 24.♘e6 cxb3 25.h6 ♖f1+?

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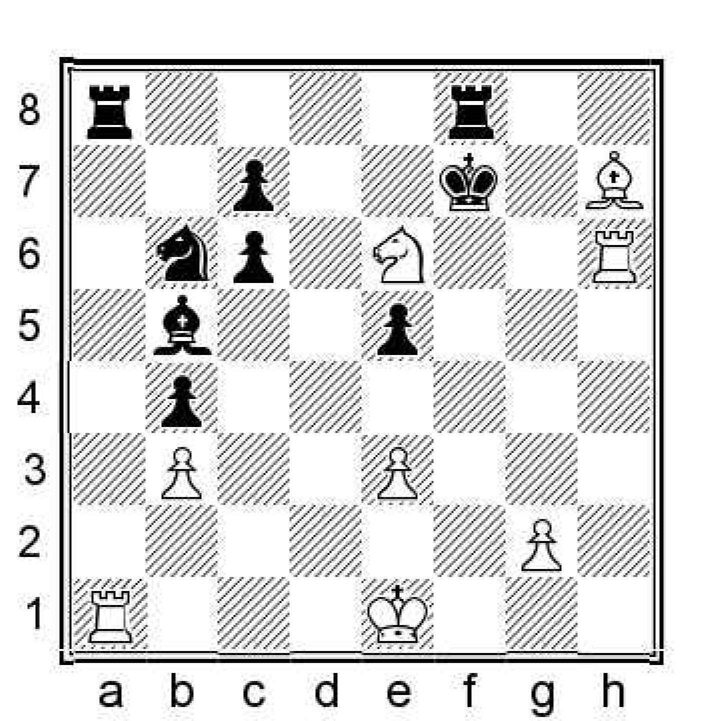

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26.♖xf1 ♗xf1 27.hxg7+ ♔g8 28.♔xf1 b2

28...bxa2 29.♔e2 b3 30.♖h1+-; 28...♖xa2 29.♖e1! ♘c4 30.♔g1+-

29.♖d1 ♘d5 30.♔f2 ♖xa2 31.♗h7+ 1-0

108. C45
Yoo, Christopher Woojin (2535) - Proudian, Armen (2418)

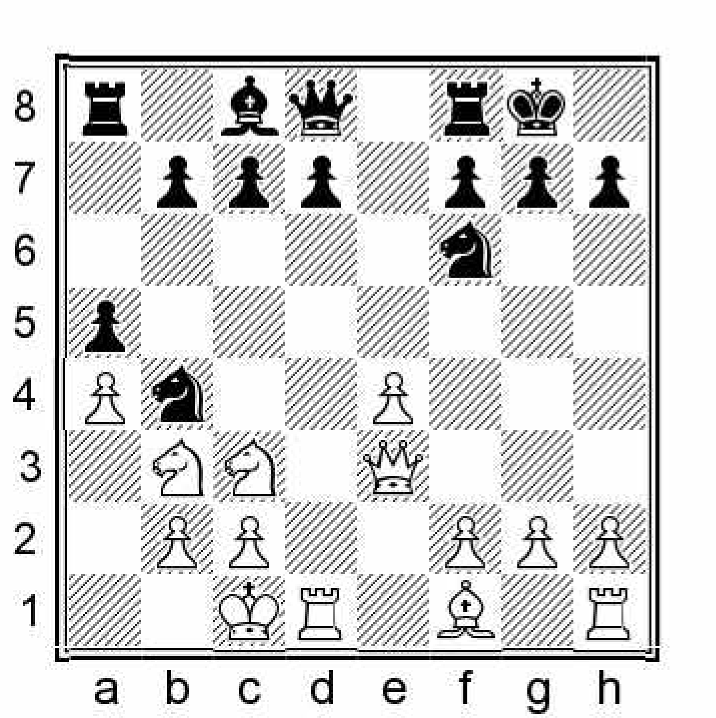
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♗c5 5.♘b3 ♗b6 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.♕e2 a5!? 8.a4

8.e5 - 122/107

8...O-O 9.♗e3

9.♗g5

9...♗xe3 10.♕xe3 ♘b4 11.O-O-O



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12.♗e2!?

12...♗f5 13.♘d4 ♘bxd5

13...♗g6

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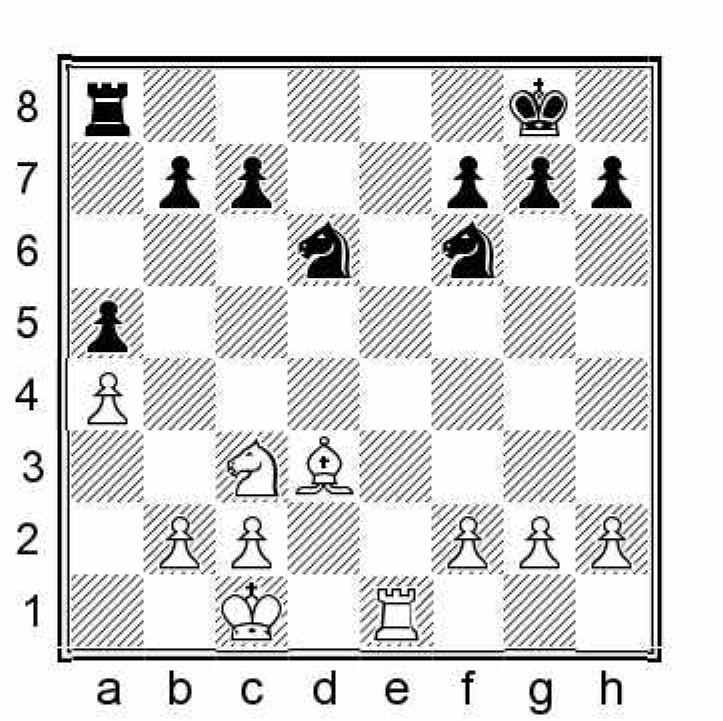
16.♖d2

16...♖xa8 17.♗d3 ♘d6 18.♖e1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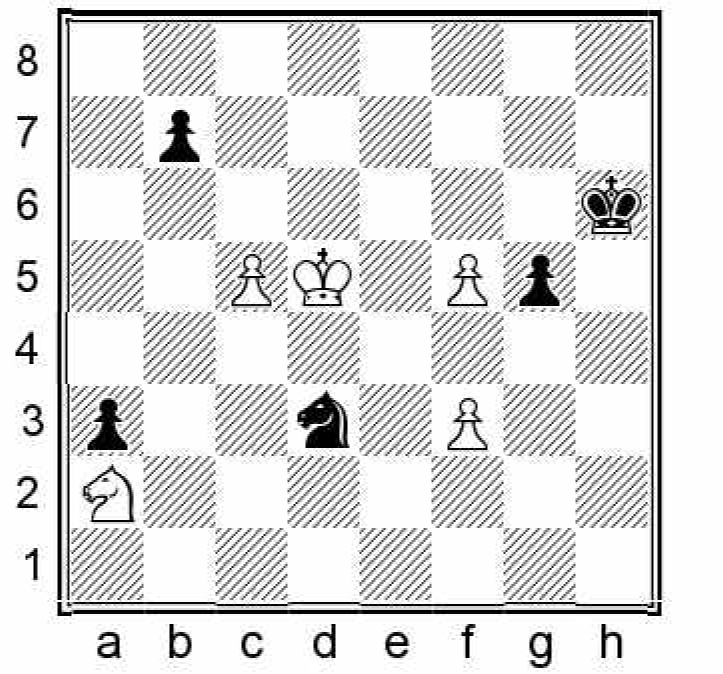
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52.♔xd7 ♔xf7 53.♔d6 ♔f6 54.♔c5 ♔e5 55.♔b4 ♔f4 56.♔xa3 ♔xf3 57.♘b4 g4 58.♘d3=

48...♘e1!-+ 49.♔e4 ♔g7 50.♘b4 ♔f7 51.♘a2 ♔f6 52.♘c3 ♘xf3?

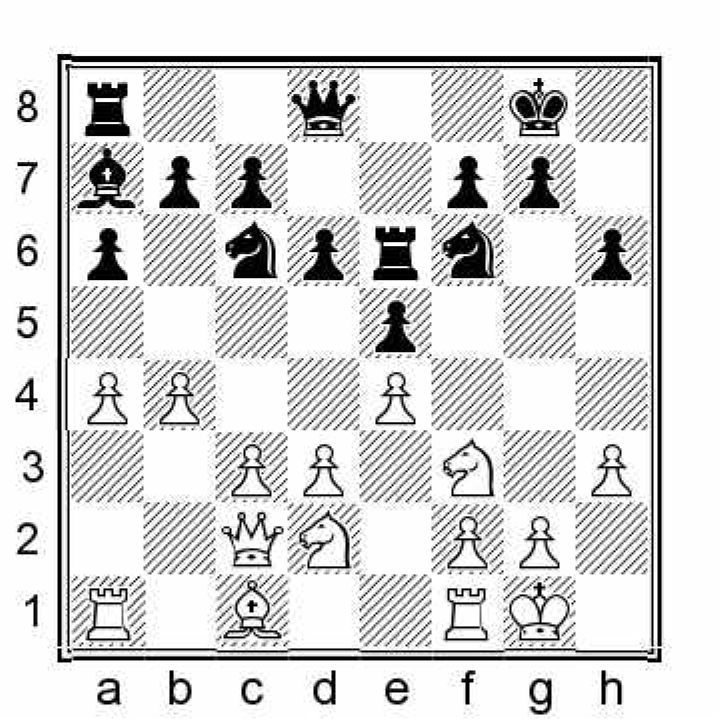
52...♘g2 53.♘d5+ (53.♘a2 ♘h4-+) 53...♔f7 54.♘c3 ♘h4 55.♘a2 ♔f6-+

53.♔xf3 ♔xf5 54.♘a2 ♔e5 55.♘b4 ♔d4 56.♘c2+ ♔xc5 57.♘xa3 b5 58.♘xb5 1/2-1/2

C50-C74

109. C54
Predke, Alexandr (2682) - So, Wesley (2778)
Berlin 152/109, 2022

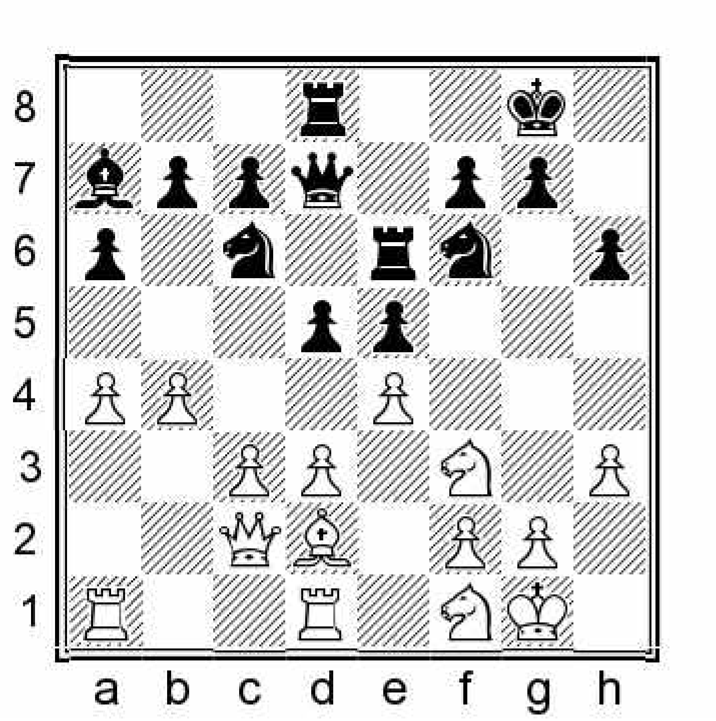
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 O-O 8.h3 ♗a7 9.♘bd2 ♖e8 10.b4 ♗e6 11.♗xe6 ♖xe6 12.♕c2 h6



13.♖d1N

13.♖e1 - 146/108

13...♕d7 14.♘f1 d5 15.♗d2 ♖d8



16.exd5

16.b5! ♘e7 (16...♘b8 17.c4 dxe4 18.dxe4±) 17.c4 dxe4 (17...c6 18.♘g3 ♘g6 19.bxa6 bxa6 20.♗a5 ♖de8 21.♖ab1±) 18.dxe4 ♗d4 (18...♕d3 19.♕xd3 ♖xd3 20.♗e3 ♖xd1 21.♖xd1 ♗xe3 22.♖d8+ ♔h7 23.♘xe3±) 19.♖ab1 c5 20.♘e3 ♘c8 21.♘d5±

16...♘xd5

16...♕xd5 17.♗e3 ♖ee8 18.♗xa7 ♘xa7 19.c4 ♕d6 20.b5∞

17.b5 ♘ce7 18.c4 ♘f6 19.♗c3 ♘g6

19...♗d4 20.♗xd4 exd4 21.♘g3 c5=

20.d4 exd4 21.♗xd4 ♗xd4 22.♘xd4 ♖d6 23.♘e3 ♕e8 24.♘ef5 ♖6d7 25.bxa6

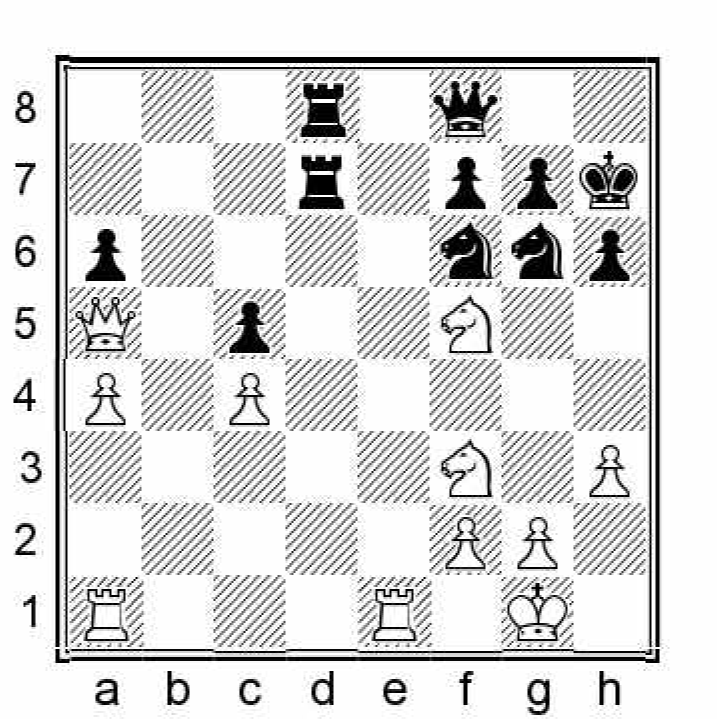
25.c5 axb5 26.c6 (26.axb5?! ♕e4! 27.♕xe4 ♘xe4 28.c6 bxc6 29.bxc6 ♖d5∓) 26...bxc6 27.♖e1 ♕f8 28.♘xc6 ♖a8 (28...♖d2 29.♕c1 ♖8d3 30.a5 b4 31.a6 b3 32.♕c4±) 29.a5!? (29.axb5 ♖xa1 30.♖xa1 ♖d5=) 29...♖a6 30.♖ad1 ♖xd1 31.♖xd1 ♕a3 32.♘fd4↑

25...c5

25...bxa6 26.♖e1 ♕f8 27.♘c6 ♖e8 28.♖xe8 ♕xe8 29.♖b1 ♕e4 30.♕xe4 ♘xe4=

26.♖e1 ♕f8 27.♘f3 bxa6 28.♖ab1

28.♕c3 ♔h7 29.♕a5



29...♘f4! 30.♕xa6 (30.♘e5 ♖d2 31.♕c7 ♘e2+ 32.♔f1 ♘d4∞) 30...♖a8 31.♕c6 ♖c8 32.♕b6 ♖b8 33.♕a5 ♖b2 34.♖eb1 ♕b8=∞

28...♖b8 29.♕c3 ♖xb1 30.♖xb1 ♕d8 31.♕e3 ♖d1+ 1/2-1/2

110. C54
Giri, Anish (2772) - Vitiugov, Nikita (2726)
Beograd 152/110, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 h6 7.♖e1 O-O 8.♘bd2 a5 9.h3 ♗e6 10.b3 d5

10...♕b8 - 137/(109)

10...♗a7 - 137/(109)

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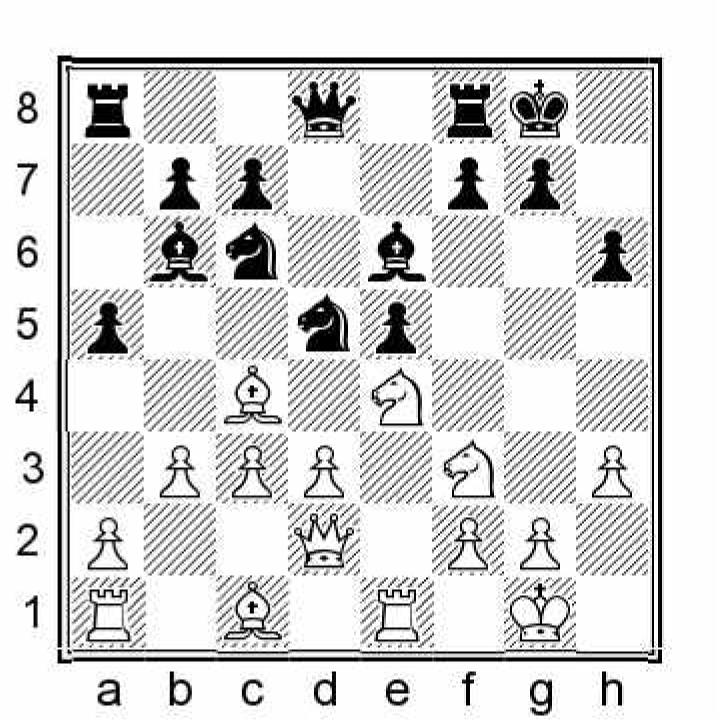
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13...♕c8N

⌓13...♖e8 14.♗b5 ♗d7 15.a4 f5 16.♘g3 ♕f6 17.♗b2↑

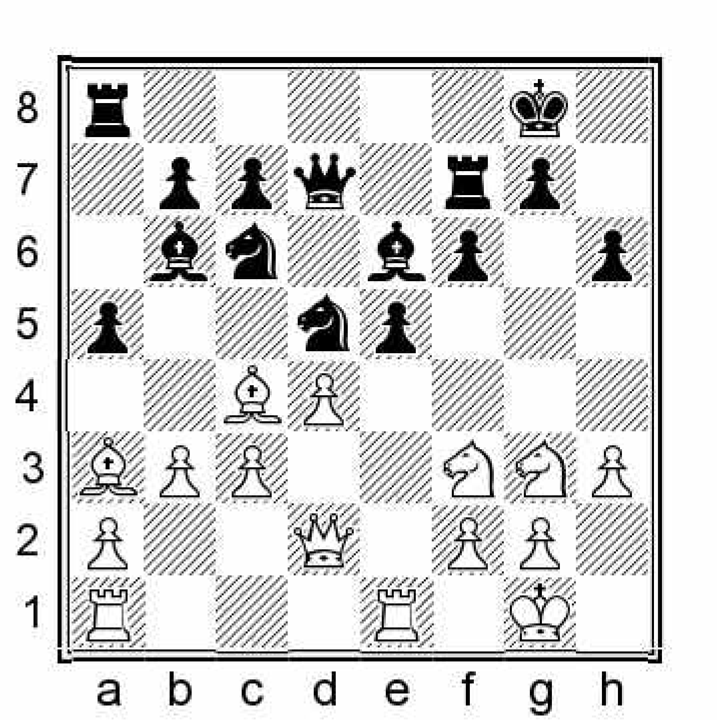
14.♘g3 f6?

14...♕d7 15.♘xe5 ♘xe5 16.♖xe5 c6 17.♗a3 ♖fe8=∞

15.d4 ♕d7

15...exd4? 16.♘h5! dxc3 17.♕d3 ♘ce7 (17...♖f7 18.♗xh6!+-) 18.♗a3+-

16.♗a3 ♖f7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17.♖e4

17.♖ad1! a4 18.b4 exd4 19.cxd4 ♘ce7 20.♕c2±

17...a4 18.b4 ♘f4 19.♗xe6 ♘xe6 20.♖ae1

20.d5 ♘g5 21.♘xg5 hxg5 22.♖d1±

20...♘g5 21.♘xg5 hxg5 22.b5 ♘a7 23.h4 ♘xb5 24.hxg5 fxg5

24...♘xa3? 25.g6 ♖e7 26.♕e2 ♕d5 27.♖h4+-

25.♕xg5

25.♖xe5 ♘xa3 26.♕xg5 ♖af8 27.♘h5 c6! 28.♘f6+ ♖xf6 29.♖e7 ♕xe7 30.♖xe7 ♖6f7=

25...♘xa3

25...♘xc3! 26.♖xe5 (26.♖h4? ♗xd4 27.♕h5 ♖xf2 28.♔h2 ♕c6!-+) 26...♗xd4 27.♖f5 ♖e8 28.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 29.♖xf7 ♔xf7 30.♕f4+ ♗f6 31.♕xc7+ ♔g8=

26.♖h4 ♖e8

26...exd4 27.♕h5 ♖f6 (27...♖xf2 28.♕h7+ ♔f8 29.♔xf2 dxc3+ 30.♔f1 ♕f7+ 31.♘f5+-) 28.♕h7+ ♔f8 29.♘h5+-; 26...♘c2 27.♕h5 ♖xf2 28.♖ee4!+-

27.♕h5 ♖f6

27...♔f8 28.♖xe5 ♖xe5 29.♕xe5 ♔g8 30.♕e4+-

28.♘e4 ♖f5

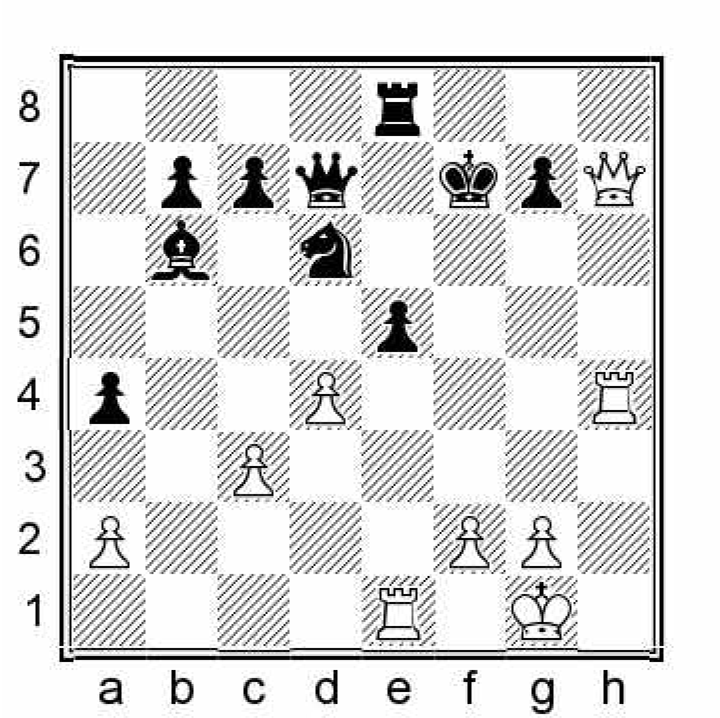
28...♖h6 29.♕xh6 gxh6 30.♘f6++-

29.♘g5 ♖xg5

29...♔f8 30.♕g6 ♔e7 31.♖h7 ♖g8 32.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 33.♕xg7+ ♔d8 34.♕g8+ ♕e8 (34...♔e7 35.g4+-) 35.♘e6+ ♔e7 36.♕xe8+ ♔xe8 37.♘g7++-

30.♕xg5 c5?

30...♘c4 31.♕g6 ♘d6 (31...♖e6 32.♕f5 ♕d5 33.♖h5 ♘d6 34.♕h7+ ♔f7 35.♖g5 ♘e8 36.♖exe5 ♖xe5 37.♕h5+ ♔f8 38.♖xe5±) 32.♕h7+ ♔f7

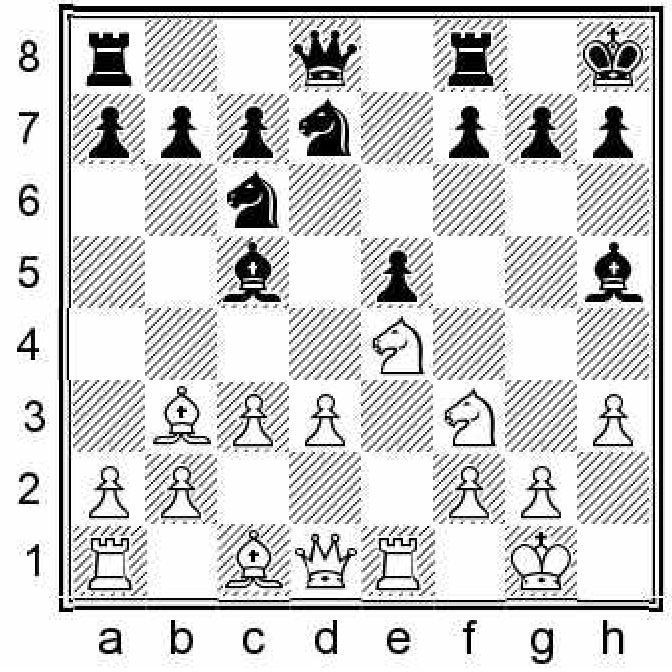


33.♖e3! (33.♖xe5?! ♖xe5 34.dxe5 ♕f5! 35.♕xf5+ (35.exd6 ♕xf2+ 36.♔h2 ♕g1+=) 35...♘xf5 36.♖xa4 ♔e6⇄) 33...♔e7 34.♕xg7+ ♔d8 35.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 36.♖xe5±

31.♕g6 ♗d8 32.♖h7 1-0

111. C54
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2773) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2759)
Bucuresti 152/111, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 O-O 6.c3 d5 7.exd5 ♘xd5 8.♖e1 ♗g4 9.♘bd2 ♘b6 10.h3 ♗h5 11.♗b3 ♔h8 12.♘e4 ♘d7



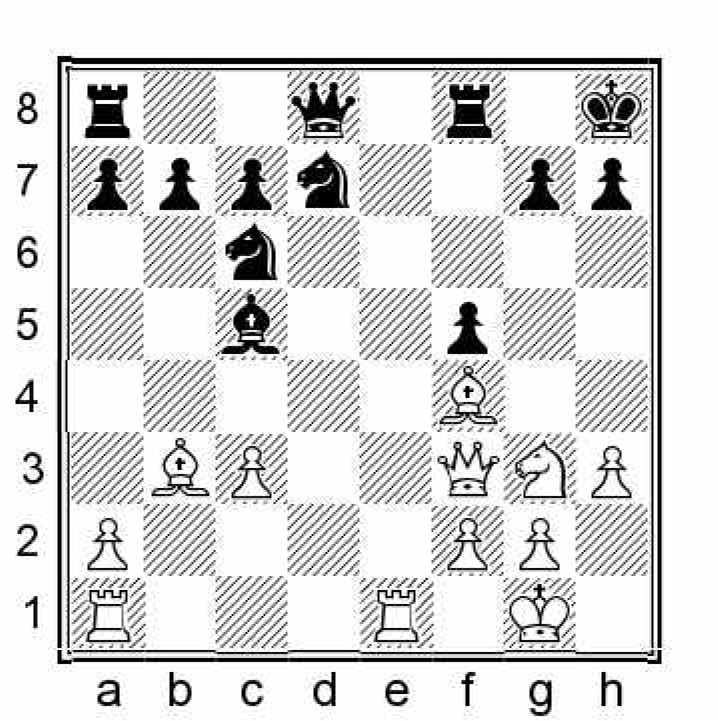
13.♘g3N

13.♗d5 - 149/107

13...♗xf3 14.♕xf3 f5 15.d4!? exd4 16.♗f4

16.♘h5!? ♕h4 (16...♗d6 17.♗f4 ♘c5 18.♗d5∞) 17.♗f4 g6 18.♗e6 ♖ad8 19.♗xc7 ♕xh5 20.♕xh5 gxh5 21.♗xd8 ♖xd8 22.♖ad1∞

16...dxc3 17.bxc3



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18.♗c1 ♘ce5 19.♕xb7 (19.♕d1 g4! 20.♗f4 ♘g6 21.♗h6 ♕h4 22.♕xd7 ♕xh6 23.♘xf5 ♗xf2+! 24.♔xf2 ♕f4+ 25.♔g1 ♖xf5∓) 19...♘d3 20.♖e2 ♘7e5↑

18...♗xe3 19.fxe3 ♘de5 20.♕h5 ♕f6 21.♖f1 ♕g6 22.♕e2 a6

22...f4 23.♗c2 ♕g8 24.♘f5 ♖ae8 25.exf4 ♘g6 26.♕b5 ♘xf4∓

23.♗c2 ♘e7 24.♖f2 ♖f7

24...g4! 25.h4 ♕h6 26.h5 ♕g5∓

25.♖af1 ♖af8

25...g4 26.h4 ♖af8 27.♗b3 ♖f6 28.♖f4 ♕h6 29.h5 ♕g5∞

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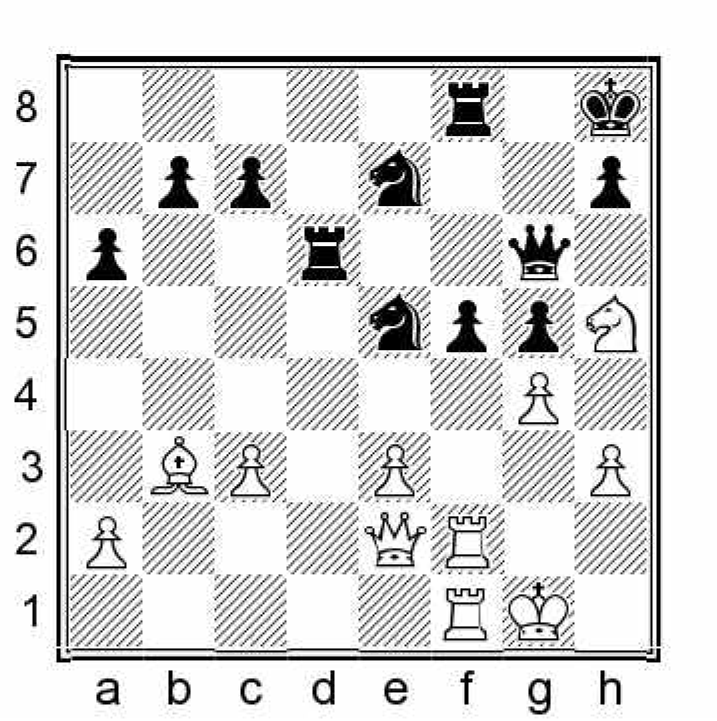

28...♖d3?!

28...♘d3! 29.gxf5 (29.c4 ♘xf2 30.♕b2+ ♖df6 31.♖xf2 c5∞) 29...♘xf5 30.♖g2 ♖e8 31.e4 ♘h6∞

29.♗c2 ♖xc3 30.♗xf5

30.♕d2! ♕c6 31.♗xf5±

30...♘xf5 31.♖xf5 ♖xf5 32.♖xf5 ♖c1+ 33.♔f2 ♕d6 34.♕b2 ♖c5 35.♔g2 h6 36.♖f6 ♕d1 37.♖f2 ♕d5+ 38.♔h2 ♕d6 39.♘g3

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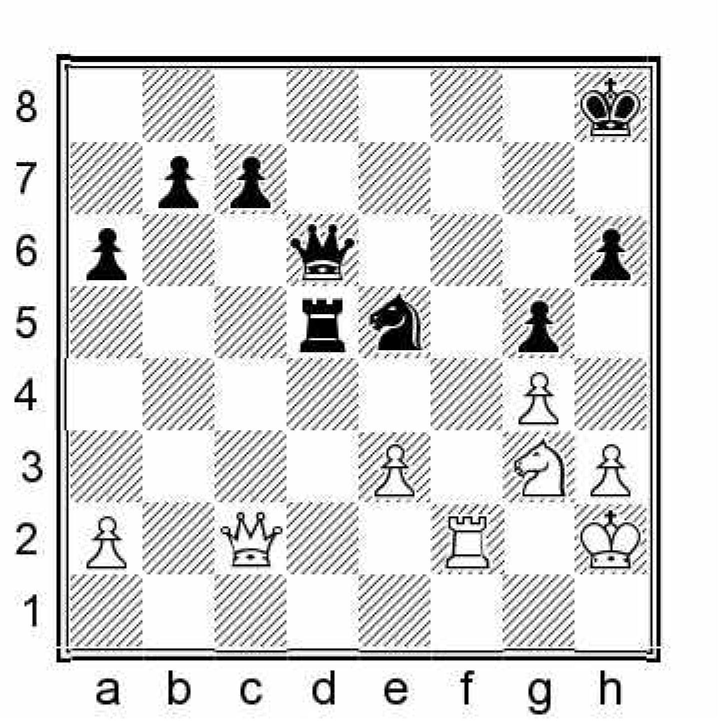
39...♖b5 40.♕c2 ♖d5



41.♔g2?

41.♕f5 ♖d2 42.♔g1 ♖xf2 43.♔xf2=

41...♘d3

41...♖d3! 42.♘f5 ♕d5+ 43.♔g3 c5-+

42.♕c3+ ♕e5 43.♕a3?

43.♕xe5+ ♘xe5 44.♘h5 ♖a5 45.♖f8+ ♔h7 46.♖e8 ♖xa2+ 47.♔g3 ♖a5 (47...♘g6 48.♖d8=; 47...♘c6 48.♖c8 ♖b2 49.♖xc7+ ♔g8 50.h4∓) 48.♖e7+ ♔g8 49.♘f6+ ♔f8 50.♖xe5 ♖xe5 51.♘d7+ ♔e7 52.♘xe5 a5∓

43...c5 44.♖e2

44.♖f5 ♕xe3-+

44...♔h7 45.♕a4 ♕e6 46.♕c2 b5 47.♘h5 ♖d6 48.♖e1 ♕c4

48...♕g6!-+ 49.♖e2 ♘e1+

49.♕b1 ♕b4 50.♕xb4 ♘xb4 51.♖f1 c4 52.e4 c3 53.e5 ♖c6 54.♖f7+ ♔g8 55.♖d7 c2 56.e6 ♖xe6 0-1

112. C54
Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2756) - Caruana, Fabiano (2781)
Saint Louis (m/2) 152/112, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 O-O 6.♖e1 ♘g4

6...d6 - 151/ 110

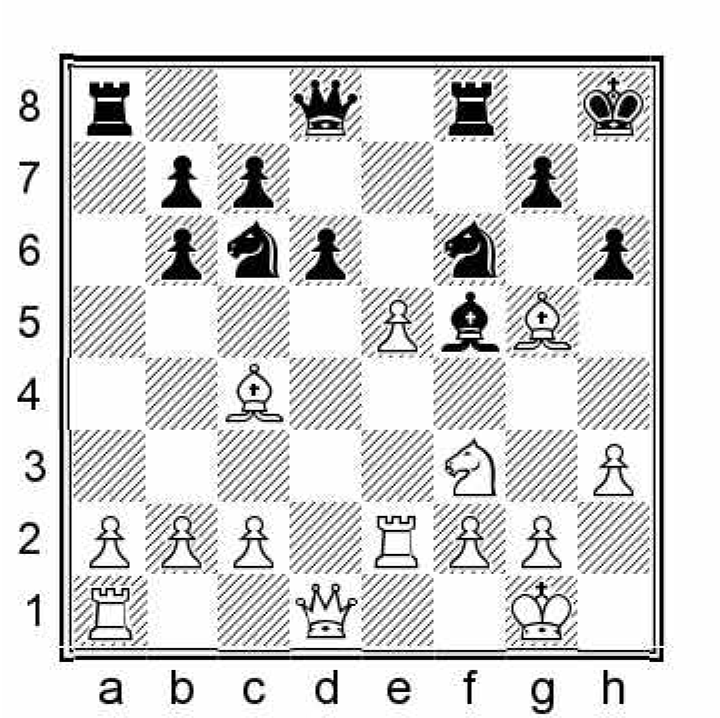
7.♖e2 ♔h8 8.h3 f5 9.♗g5

9.hxg4? fxg4 10.♘g5 g3-+

9...♘f6 10.♘c3 d6 11.exf5

11.♘d5 fxe4 12.dxe4 ♗e6 13.♘xf6 gxf6 14.♗xe6 fxg5∞

11...♗xf5 12.♘a4 ♗b6 13.♘xb6 axb6 14.d4 h6 15.dxe5



15...dxe5N 16.♗h4

16.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 17.♗e3 ♗e4=

16...e4 17.♘h2 ♕e8 18.♕e1 ♖d8

18...♕g6∞

19.♖d1 ♖xd1 20.♕xd1 ♗e6?!

20...♘h5 21.♖e3 g5 22.♗g3 (22.♗xg5 hxg5 23.g4 ♘f6 24.gxf5 ♕e5∞) 22...♘xg3 23.♖xg3 ♕e5 24.♘g4 (24.♕c1 ♖d8∞) 24...♗xg4 25.♕xg4 b5 26.♗f1 ♘d4∞

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23.c3 e3

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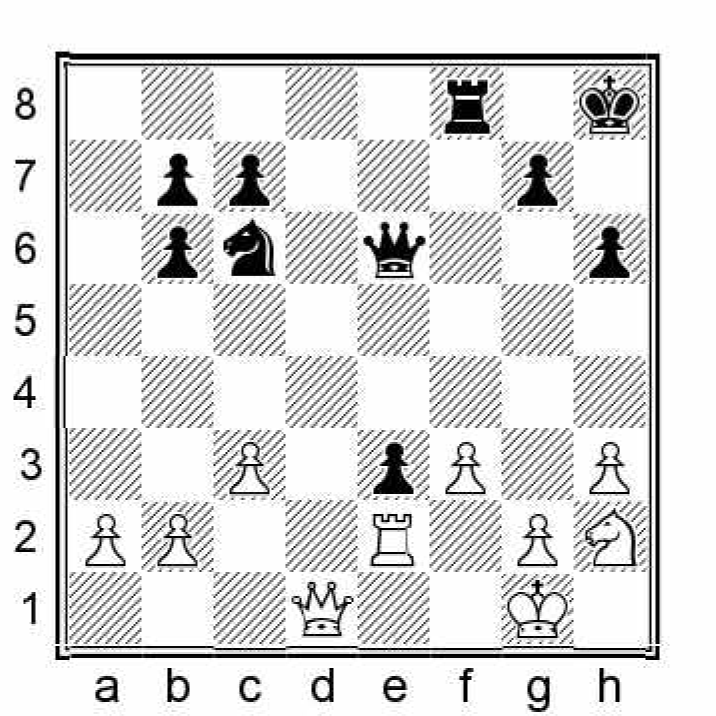
24.f3

24.fxe3 ♘e5±

24...♕e6



25.♕b3

25.♕a4! ♕g6 (25...♘e7 26.♕e4 ♕xe4 (26...♕d6 27.♕xe3 ♘d5 28.♕f2±) 27.fxe4±; 25...♖d8 26.♘f1 ♖d3 27.♕c2±) 26.♕e4 ♕xe4 27.fxe4 ♘e5 28.♖xe3 ♖d8 29.♖e2±

25...♕xb3 26.axb3 ♖d8 27.♘f1

27.♖xe3 ♖d2=; 27.♘g4 ♖d1+ 28.♔h2 ♖d2 29.♖xe3 ♖xb2=

27...♖d1 28.♖xe3 ♘a5 29.b4

29.c4 ♖b1=

29...♘c4 30.♖e2 ♖b1 31.♔f2 ♘xb2 32.♖e8+ ♔h7 33.♘e3 ♘d3+ 34.♔g3 ♖e1 35.f4 ♘b2 36.♔f2 ♖c1 37.f5

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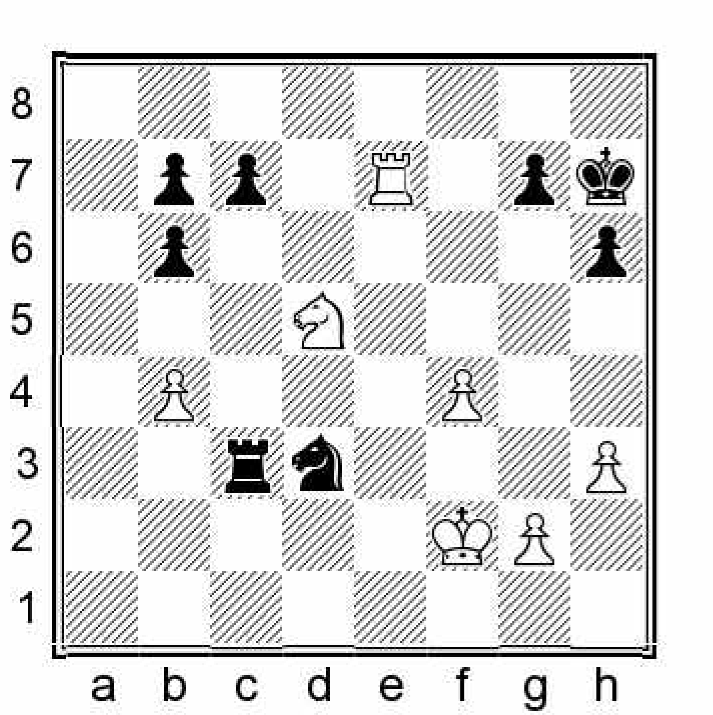

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37...c6!

37...♖xc3 38.♘d5 ♘d3+ 39.♔g3 ♖c4! 40.♖e7 ♔g8 41.♘xc7↑

38.♖e7 ♔g8 39.♖xb7 ♖xc3 40.♔e2

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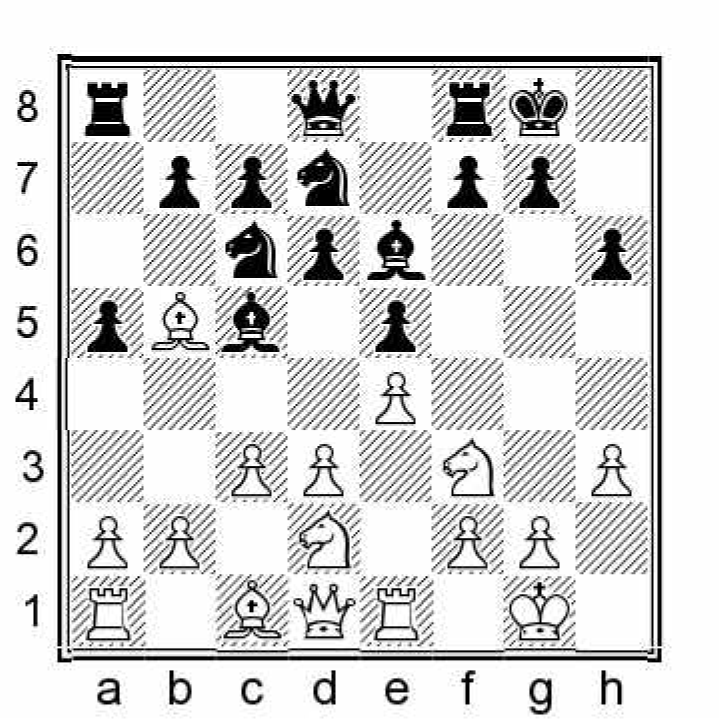
40...h5 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 ♘c4 43.♘xc4 ♖xc4 44.g5 ♖xb4 45.♔f3

45.g6 ♔f8 46.♖f7+ ♔g8=

45...c5 46.g6 ♔f8 47.♖f7+ ♔g8 48.♖b7 ♔f8 49.♖f7+ ♔g8 50.♖e7 ♔f8 51.♖b7 ♖b1 52.♖f7+ ♔g8 53.♖b7 ♔f8 54.♖f7+ ♔g8 55.♖b7 1/2-1/2

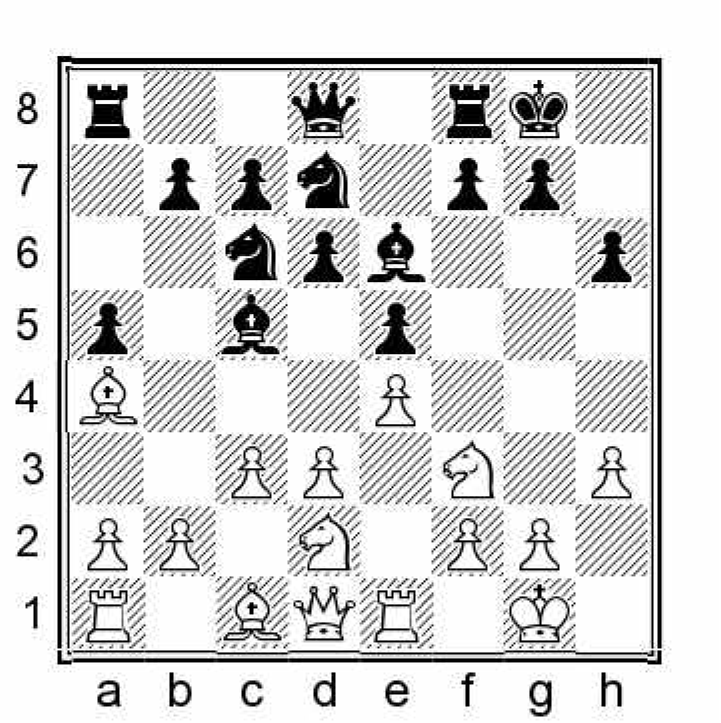
113. * C54
Antipov, Mikhail Al (2615) - Niemann, Hans Moke (2642)
Saint Louis 152/113, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.O-O O-O 6.♘bd2 d6 7.c3 a5 8.h3 h6 9.♖e1 ♗e6 10.♗b5 ♘d7



10...♗a7 - 150/110

11.♗a4N

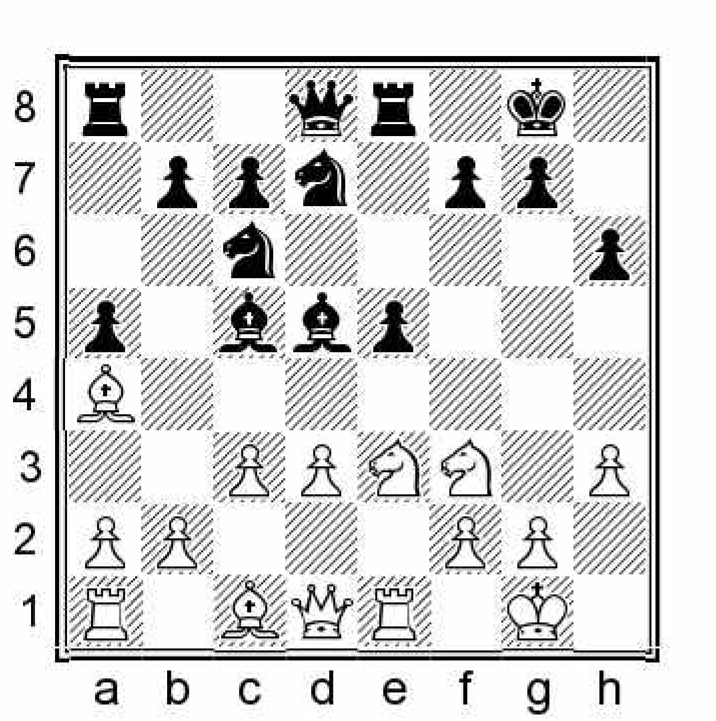


11.♘f1

11...♖e8 - 152/113

11...♗a7N 12.♘f1 ♘c5 13.♗xc6 bxc6 14.d4 exd4 15.♘xd4 ♗d7 16.♘g3 ♖e8 17.♕f3 ♖b8= Nasuta,G (2511) -Kosakowski,J (2435) Polska (ch-m/3-rapid) 152/(113) 2022

12.♘f1 d5 13.exd5 ♗xd5 14.♘e3



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16...♘f6 17.d4 e4 18.♘e5 ♗xb3 19.♕xb3+ ♕d5 20.♘d7

20.♕xb7 ♘xe5 21.♕xd5+ ♘xd5 22.dxe5 ♖xe5=

20...♕xb3 21.♘xf6+ ♔f7 22.axb3 ♔xf6 23.♗f4

23.d5 ♘e5 24.♗d4 ♔f7 25.f3 c5!? 26.dxc6 ♘xc6 27.fxe4 ♘xd4 28.cxd4 fxe4=

23...♖e7 24.b4 g5 25.♗d2 ♖ee8 26.b5

26.d5 ♘e5 27.bxa5 ♘c4 28.♗e3 ♔e5 (28...♖xa5 29.♗d4+ ♔f7 30.b3 ♖xa1 31.♖xa1 ♘d6 32.c4∞) 29.b3 ♘xa5 30.♖a3 b6 31.♖ea1 ♖ad8 32.c4∞

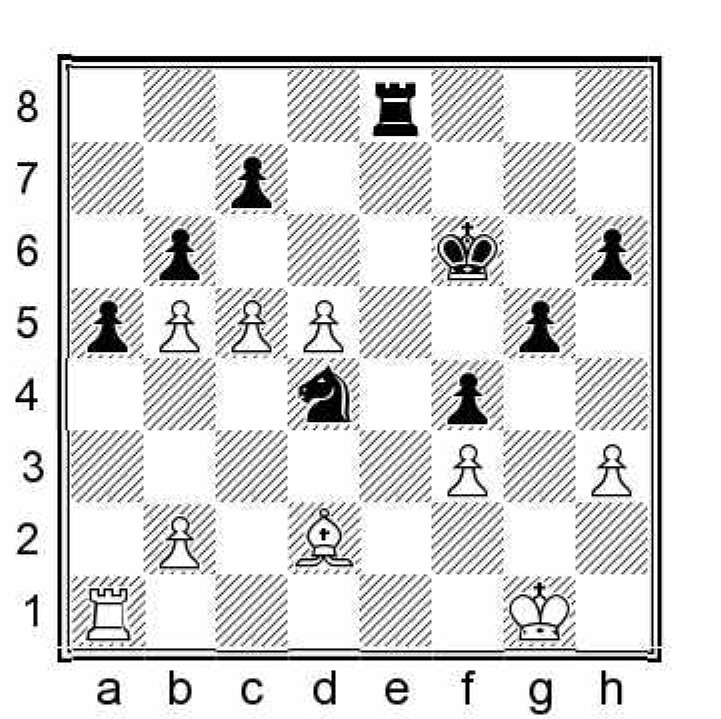
26...♘e7 27.c4 b6 28.f3 exf3 29.gxf3 f4 30.d5 ♘f5 31.c5

31.♗c3+ ♔f7 32.b3=

31...♘d4

31...♖xe1+! 32.♗xe1 bxc5 33.♖xa5 ♖b8 34.♗c3+ ♘d4 35.♖a6+ ♔e5 36.♖xh6 ♔xd5 37.♖h5⇄

32.♖xe8 ♖xe8



33.♗c3

33.cxb6! ♘xf3+ (33...cxb6?? 34.♗c3+-) 34.♔f2! (34.♔h1?? ♖e2-+; 34.♔g2?? ♘xd2 35.bxc7 ♖e2+ 36.♔g1 f3 37.c8=♕ f2+ 38.♔h1 ♖e1+ 39.♔h2 f1=♕-+) 34...♘xd2 35.bxc7 ♘e4+ 36.♔g1 ♔e7 37.b6 ♔d7 38.♖xa5=

33...bxc5 34.♖xa5 ♔e5-+ 35.♖a6

35.b4 ♔xd5 36.♗xd4 ♔xd4 37.bxc5 ♔xc5-+; 35.♖a7 ♔xd5 36.♖xc7 ♘xb5-+

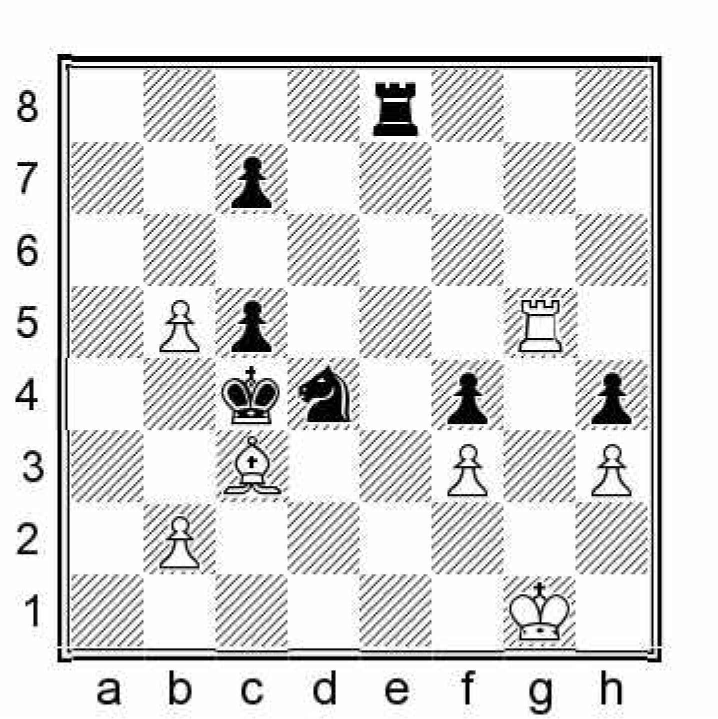
35...h5

⌓35...♔xd5 36.♖xh6 ♖e3-+

36.♖h6 h4 37.♖g6 ♔xd5?

37...♔f5! 38.♖g7 ♘xb5 39.♖f7+ ♔g6 40.♖f6+ ♔h5 41.♖c6 (41.♖e6 ♖xe6 42.dxe6 ♔g6 43.♗e5 ♘d4 44.e7 ♔f7 45.♔f2 ♔xe7 46.♗xc7 ♘c6!-+) 41...♘xc3 42.bxc3 ♖e3 43.♖xc5 (43.♔g2 ♖xc3 44.♖xc7 ♔g6-+) 43...♖xf3 44.♔g2 ♖g3+ 45.♔h2 ♖d3 46.c4 (46.♖xc7 ♖d2+ 47.♔g1 ♔g6-+) 46...♖d2+ 47.♔g1 f3 48.♖xc7 g4 49.hxg4+ ♔g6!-+

38.♖xg5+ ♔c4



39.♖g4?

39.♖h5! ♘xb5 (39...♘xf3+ 40.♔g2 ♖e3 (40...♘d4 41.♖xh4 ♖e4 42.♖h7 ♖e2+ 43.♔f1 ♖h2 44.♔g1 ♘f3+ 45.♔f1=) 41.♖f5 ♘e1+ 42.♗xe1 ♖xe1 43.♖xf4+ ♔xb5 44.♖xh4 ♖e2+ 45.♔f3 ♖xb2 46.♔e3=; 39...♘e2+ 40.♔f2 ♘xc3 41.bxc3=; 39...♖e3 40.♔g2! ♘xb5 41.♖xh4 ♘xc3 42.♖xf4+ ♔b5 43.bxc3=) 40.♗d2 ♘d4 41.♔f1 ♘xf3 42.♗xf4=

39...♔d3 40.♔f1 ♔e3 41.♖g2 ♔xf3 42.♖f2+ ♔g3 43.♖g2+ ♔xh3 44.♖g5 ♘f3 0-1

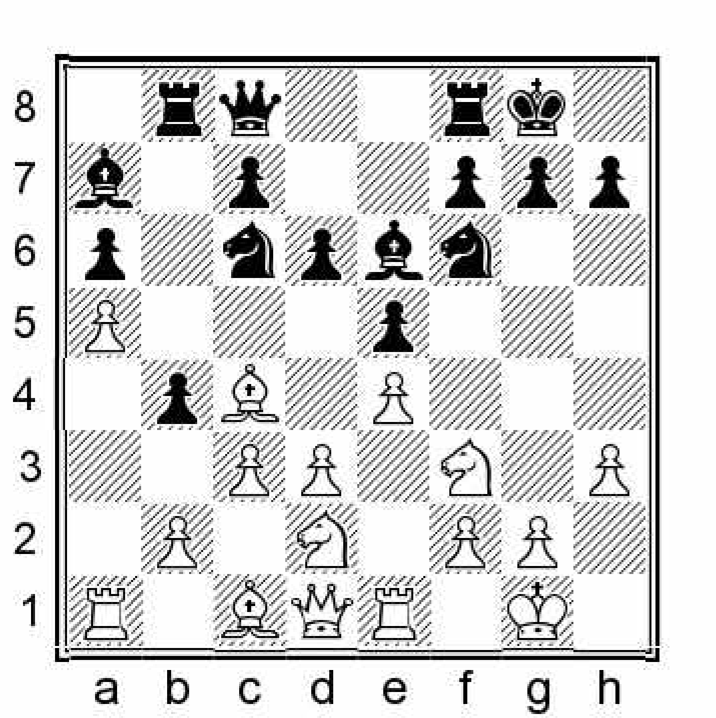
114. * C54
Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2616) - Niemann, Hans Moke (2656)
Sharjah 152/114, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.O-O d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 ♗a7 8.♖e1 O-O 9.h3 b5 10.♗b3 b4

10...h6 - 133/(121)

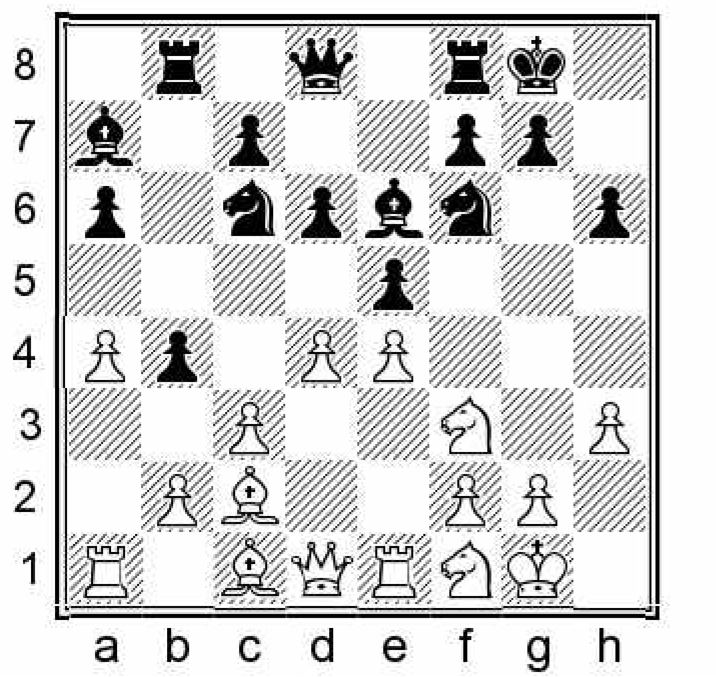
11.♘bd2 ♖b8 12.♘f1

12.a5 ♗e6 13.♗c4 ♕c8



14.♘g5N (14.♗xe6 ♕xe6 15.♘c4 ♖b5∞) 14...♗xc4 15.♘xc4 h6 16.♘f3∞ Antipov,M (2615)-Robson,R (2676) Saint Louis 152/(114) 2022 [Perunovic,Milos]

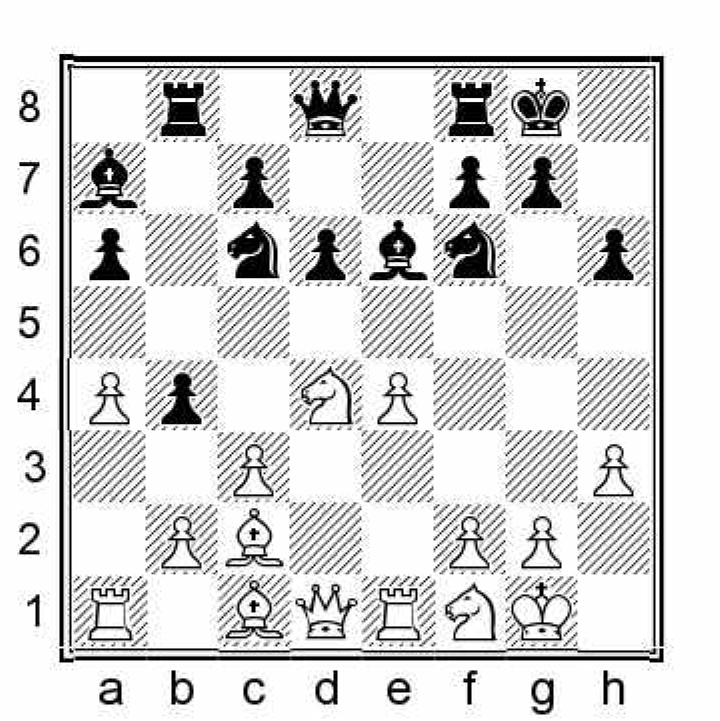
12...♗e6 13.♗c2 h6 14.d4



14...exd4N

14...b3 15.♗b1 exd4 16.cxd4 (16.♘xd4 ♘xd4 17.cxd4 ♖e8 18.♘g3 c6∞) 16...d5 17.e5 ♘e4 18.♘g3 ♖b4 19.♗e3 f5∞

15.♘xd4



15...bxc3??

15...♘xd4 16.cxd4 b3

16.bxc3??

16.♘xc6 cxb2 17.♗xb2 ♖xb2 18.♘xd8 ♖xd8+-

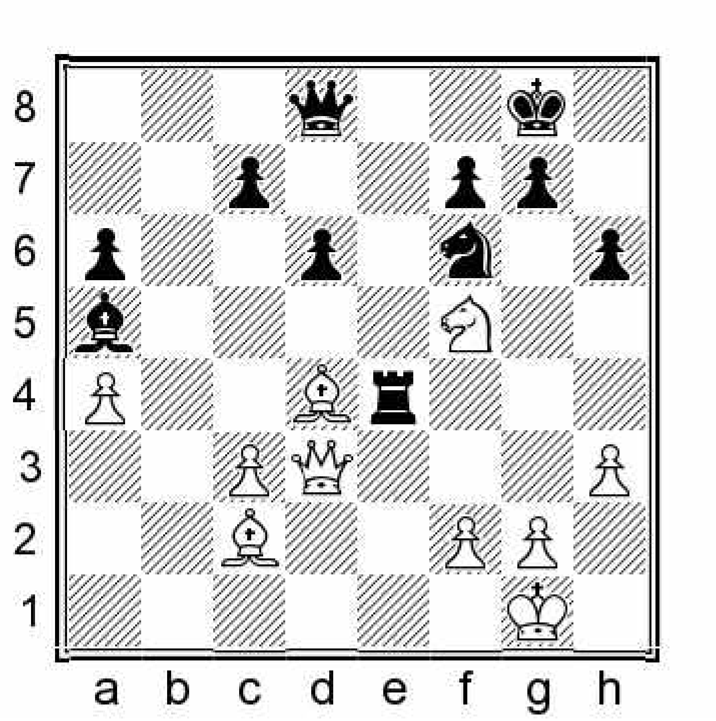
16...♗d7 17.♗e3 ♗b6 18.♘g3 ♖e8 19.♖b1 ♗a5?!

19...♘e5 20.f4 ♘g6 21.♔h1 ♗a5 22.♖xb8 ♕xb8 23.♕d3↑

20.♖xb8 ♘xb8 21.♕d3 ♘c6 22.♘xc6 ♗xc6 23.♗d4 ♗b7 24.♘f5! ♗xe4?

24...♗c8 25.♖d1 ♗xf5 26.exf5 ♕a8 27.♗b3±

25.♖xe4 ♖xe4



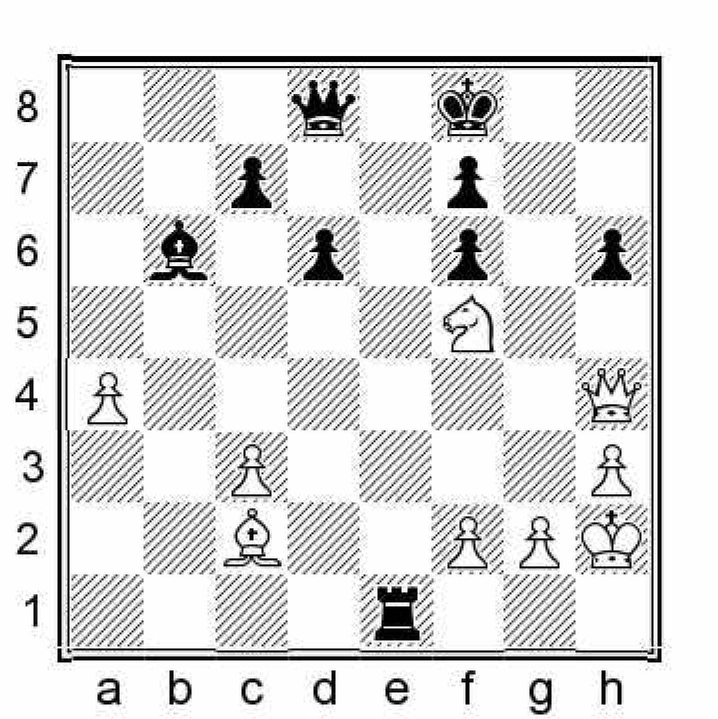
26.♕xa6?

26.♕g3! g6 (26...♘h5 27.♕f3 ♖xd4 (27...♖e1+ 28.♔h2+-) 28.♘xd4 g6 29.♘c6 ♕e8 30.♗b3 ♗b6 31.g4 ♘g7 32.♗d5+-) 27.♘xh6+ ♔f8 28.♘xf7! ♔xf7 (28...♖e1+ 29.♔h2 ♔xf7 30.♕xg6+ ♔e6 31.♗f5+ ♔d5 32.♕f7+ ♔c6 33.♗xf6+-) 29.♗xe4 ♘xe4 30.♕f3+ ♘f6 31.♗xf6 ♕xf6 32.♕d5+ ♕e6 33.♕xa5 ♕e1+ 34.♔h2 ♕xf2 35.♕xc7+±

26...♖e1+ 27.♔h2 ♗b6?!

27...c5 28.♗xf6 ♕xf6 29.♕xa5 g6 30.♕a8+ ♔h7 31.♕f8 gxf5 32.g4 ♕e5+ 33.♔g2 ♕d5+ 34.♔g3 ♕e5+ 35.♔g2 ♕d5+=

28.♗xf6 gxf6 29.♕c4 ♔f8 30.♕h4



30...♖e5?

30...♗xf2! 31.♕xf2 (31.♕xh6+ ♔e8∞) 31...♕e8 32.♕h4 (32.a5 ♕e5+ 33.♘g3 h5 34.h4 ♖a1∞) 32...♕e5+ 33.♘g3 ♕e3 34.♕d4 ♕e5∞

31.♕xh6+ ♔e8 32.f4 ♖c5

32...♖e1 33.♕g7 ♔d7 34.♕xf7+ ♔c8 35.h4+-

33.♕h7 d5 34.♗d1 ♔d7

34...♖xc3 35.h4 ♖c1 36.♗e2+-

35.♕xf7+ ♔c8 36.♘e7+ ♔b8 37.♕xf6 ♕d7 38.♗f3 c6 39.♗g4 ♕c7 40.h4 ♗a5 41.♕f8+ ♔b7 42.♘c8 ♖xc3 43.♘d6+ ♔a7 44.♘c8+ ♔b7 45.♘d6+ ♔a7 46.h5 0-1

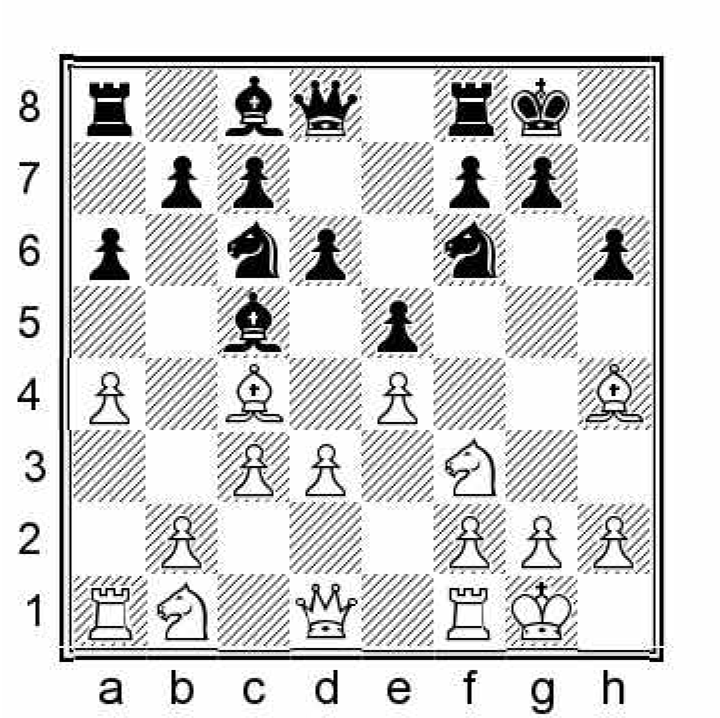
115. C54
Bacrot, Etienne (2642) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/115, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 d6 6.O-O O-O 7.♗g5

7.♖e1 a5!? 8.a4 (8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 g5!? 10.♗g3 ♘h7 11.d4 ♗b6! 12.dxe5 h5 13.h4 ♗g4⇄) 8...h6 9.♘a3!? (9.♘bd2 ♘e7 10.♘f1 ♘g6 11.♘g3 c6 12.♗a2 ♗b6 13.d4 ♗g4 14.h3 ♗xf3 15.♕xf3 exd4 16.♘f5 ♘e5 17.♕f4 dxc3 18.♕g3 ♘h5 19.♕xc3 ♖e8∞) 9...♗e6 10.♗xe6 fxe6 11.♘c2 ♕e8 12.♗e3 ♗xe3 13.♘xe3 ♕g6 14.♕b3 ♘h5!? 15.♔h1 ♘f4⇄ 16.♕xb7 ♘xd3 17.♕xc6 ♘xf2+ 18.♔g1 ♘h3+=

7...h6 8.♗h4 a6 9.♖e1

9.a4

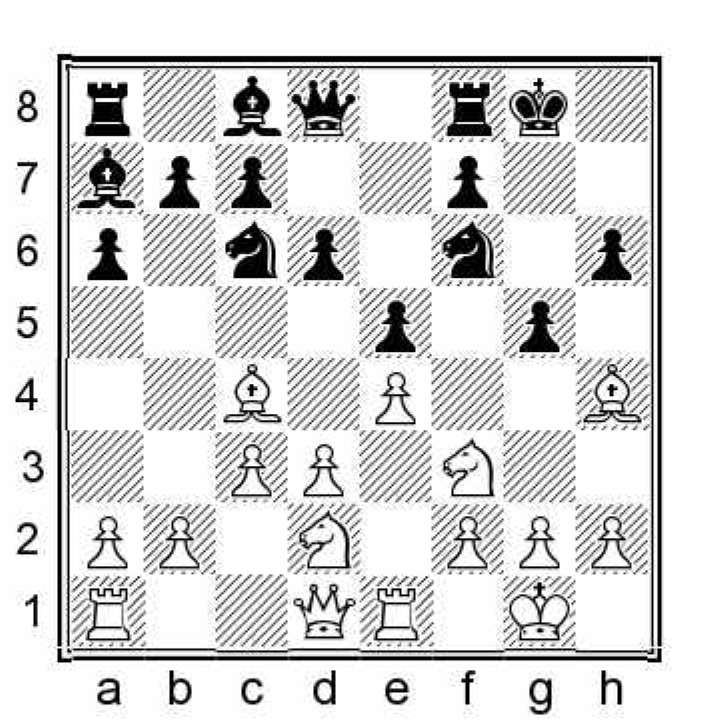


9...g5!? (9...♗a7 10.♘a3!? (10.♘bd2 - 143/104) 10...g5 11.♗g3 ♘h7 12.♘c2 h5 13.h4 g4 14.♘h2 ♔h8 15.♕d2 f5 16.exf5 ♗xf5 17.♖fe1∞ Δ Nf1-e3) 10.♗g3 (10.♘xg5 hxg5 11.♗xg5 ♔g7 12.♕f3 ♖h8 13.♘d2 ♗a7 14.♖ae1 ♔g6! 15.♗e3 ♕d7! 16.h3 ♘h5 17.g4 ♘f4 18.♗xf4 exf4 19.♔g2 b5 20.axb5 ♘e5∓) 10...♘h7!? 11.d4!? exd4 (11...♗a7 12.dxe5 g4 13.♘h4 ♘xe5 14.♗b3 Δ Nd2±) 12.cxd4 ♗b6 13.♘c3 ♗g4 14.h3 ♗h5 (14...♗xf3 15.♕xf3 ♗xd4 16.♖ad1=∞) 15.♕d3 ♘b4 16.♕d2 ♗xf3 17.gxf3 ♘c6 18.♔g2 (18.♘e2!? ♕f6 19.d5 ♘a5 20.♖fc1! ♕xf3 21.♖a3 ♘xc4 22.♖xc4 ♕h5 23.a5=∞) 18...♗xd4 19.h4 ♗xc3 20.bxc3 ♘e5! 21.♗e2 gxh4 22.♕xh6 ♘g6 23.♖h1 ♕g5=

9...♗a7

9...♘a5 10.b4 ♘xc4 11.bxc5 ♘a5 12.♘bd2 ♖e8 13.d4±; 9...g5!? 10.♗g3 (10.♘xg5 hxg5 11.♗xg5 ♗xf2+!? 12.♔xf2 ♘xe4+ 13.dxe4 ♕xg5 14.♖e3 ♕f4+ 15.♖f3 ♗g4=) 10...♗a7 11.♘bd2 ♘h7 12.d4!? (12.h3 h5 13.d4 h4 14.♗h2 g4 15.hxg4 ♗xg4⇄) 12...g4 13.♘h4 exd4 14.cxd4 ♗xd4 15.♕c2 ♗g7 16.♖ad1 ♘g5∞

10.♘bd2 g5!?

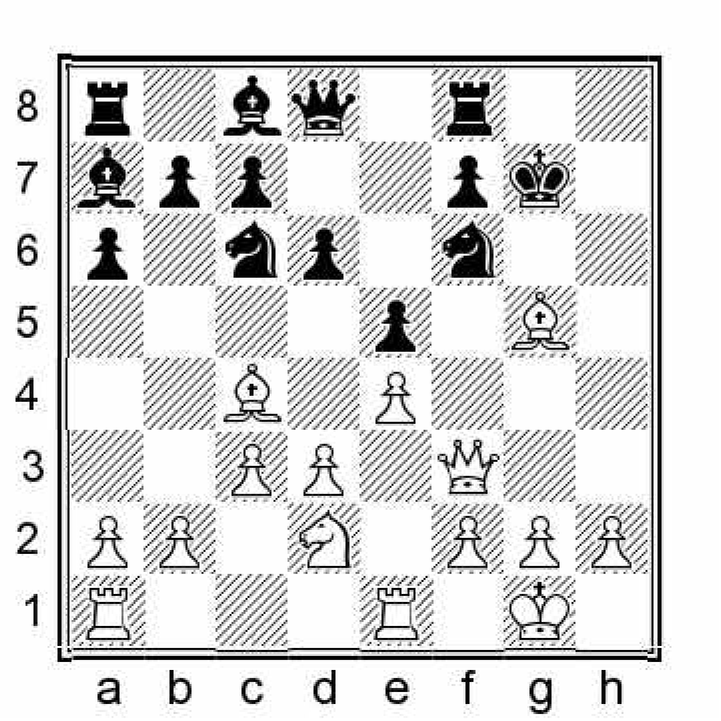


10...♘a5 11.d4 ♘xc4 12.♘xc4 exd4 13.♘xd4 ♖e8 14.♕c2 g5 15.♗g3 ♘h5 16.♘e3↑

11.♘xg5!?N

11.♗g3 ♘h7!? ∆ h5∞ (11...♘e7 12.d4)

11...hxg5 12.♗xg5 ♔g7 13.♕f3

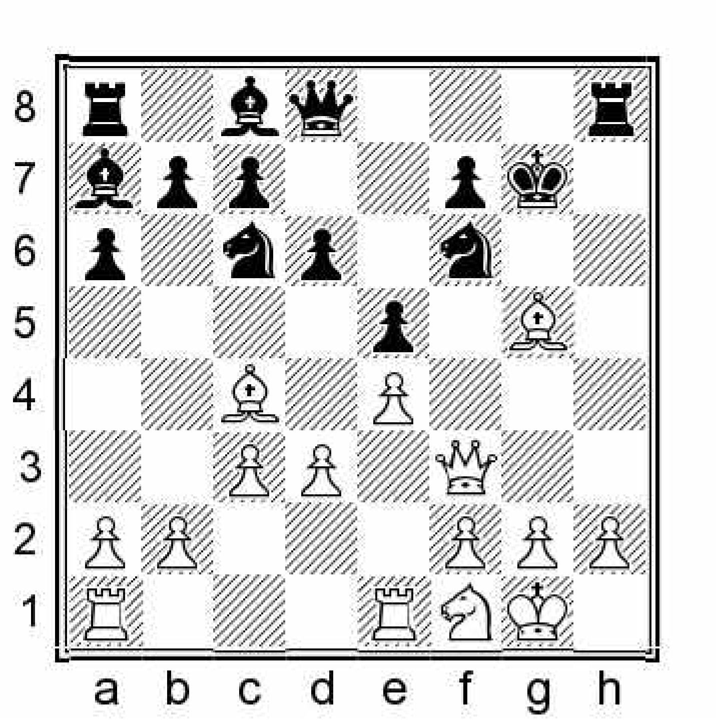


13.d4 ♕d7! 14.h3 ♖h8∓

13...♖h8!

13...♕e7 14.♖e3! (14.d4 ♖g8 15.♗d5 ♗d7 16.♘b3 ♘d8 17.♕g3 ♔f8 18.♕h4 ♖xg5! 19.♕xg5 ♘g4∞) 14...♖h8 (14...♗xe3? 15.fxe3 ♔g6 16.h4±; 14...♖g8?! 15.♖f1! ♗e6 16.♕g3! ♔f8 17.♖f3→) 15.♖f1 ♗e6 16.d4 exd4 17.e5 dxe5 18.♕g3!? (18.♘e4 ♘xe4 19.♗xe7 dxe3 20.fxe3 ♗f5! 21.♗d3 ♘xe7 22.♗xe4 ♗xe4 23.♕f6+ ♔h7 24.♕xf7+ ♔h6 25.♕xe7 ♗xe3+ 26.♔h1 ♗g5 27.♕e6+ ♗g6 28.♖f7 ♗h4! 29.♖xc7 ♖af8=) 18...♗f5 19.♖f3 ♘h5 20.♗f6+! ♔h7□ 21.♕g5 ♕xf6 22.♕xh5+ ♔g7 23.♕xf5 ♕xf5 24.♖xf5 f6 25.♗b3±

14.♘f1?!



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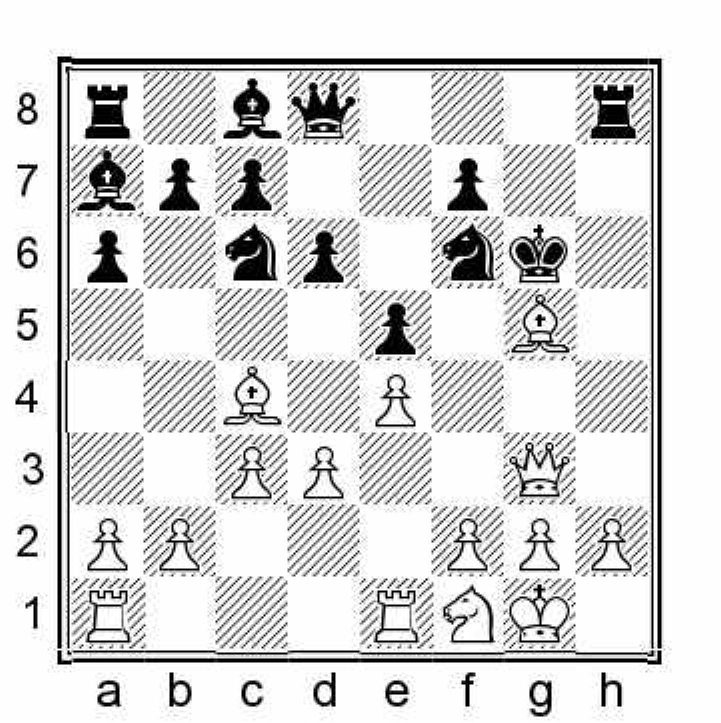
14...♔g6!

14...♕e7 15.♘g3↑; 14...♖h5 15.♕xh5 ♘xh5 16.♗xd8 ♘xd8 17.♘e3∞

15.h4

15.♕g3?



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15...♘a5?!

15...♗g4!∓ 16.♕g3 (16.♗xf6 ♕d7! 17.♕g3 ♔xf6 18.♘e3 ♗xe3 19.fxe3 ♔e7 20.♖f1 ♖af8-+) 16...♕d7! 17.♘e3 ♗xe3 18.♕xe3 ♘h5 19.f4 exf4 20.♗xf4 ♘a5 21.♗d5 c6 22.b4 (22.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 23.♖f1 ♕e6 24.♗xd6 ♔h7!-+) 22...cxd5 23.bxa5 dxe4 24.dxe4 ♖hg8-+

16.♘e3! ♘xc4 17.dxc4?

17.♘d5! ♘d2 18.♕xf6+ (18.♕e2 ♘dxe4 19.dxe4 ♘xd5 20.♗xd8 ♘f4 21.♕f3 ♖xd8 22.♔h1 ♖h8 23.g3 ♘h3∓) 18...♕xf6 19.♘xf6 c6 20.♖e3! ♗xe3 21.fxe3 ♗e6 22.♖d1 ♘xe4 23.♘xe4 ♖hf8 24.♖f1 f6 25.♘xf6 ♖f7 26.♘e4 ♖xf1+ 27.♔xf1 d5 28.♘f2 ♖f8 29.g3 ♔h5 30.♔g2∞

17...♖h5!∓ 18.♘f5 ♖xg5 19.hxg5 ♘h7 20.♘h4+

20.g4 ♘xg5 21.♕d3 ♔f6 22.♔g2 ♕e8! 23.♖f1 ♗xf5 24.exf5 ♕c6+ 25.f3 e4 26.fxe4 ♘xe4-+

20...♔g7 21.♘f5+ ♗xf5 22.exf5 ♘xg5

22...♕xg5 23.♕xb7 ♕h4 24.♖e2 ♖h8!-+

23.♕xb7 a5

23...♕h8! 24.♖e4 (24.f6+ ♔g6-+) 24...♖b8! 25.♕xa7 ♘xe4 26.♖e1 ♖xb2-+

24.♖ad1 ♕b8 25.♕b5

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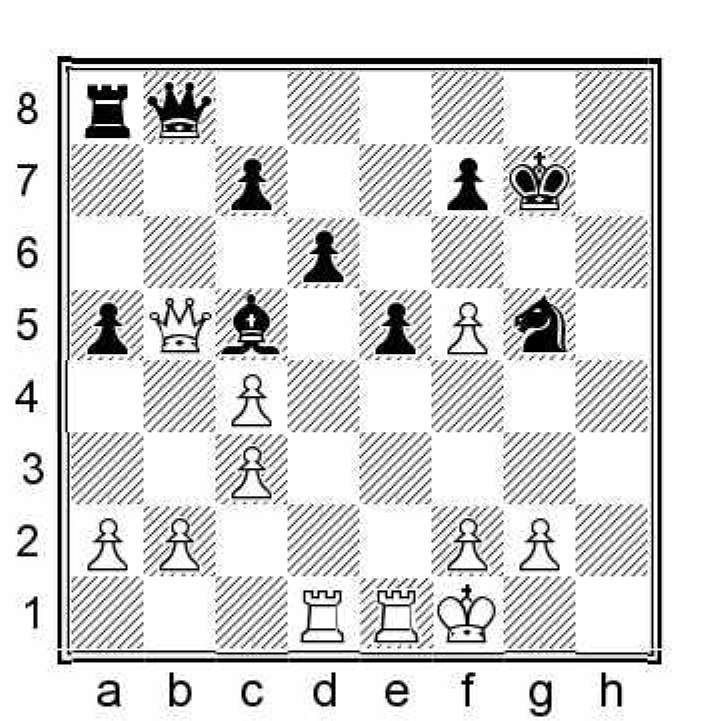
25...♗c5 26.♔f1



26.♖d5 ♕xb5 27.cxb5 ♔f6∓

26...♕h8! 27.♕c6 ♕h4-+ 28.g3 ♕h3+ 29.♕g2 ♕xf5 30.♔e2 ♖b8 31.♖d2 ♘e4 32.g4 ♕xf2+ 33.♕xf2 ♗xf2 34.♖f1 ♘xd2 0-1

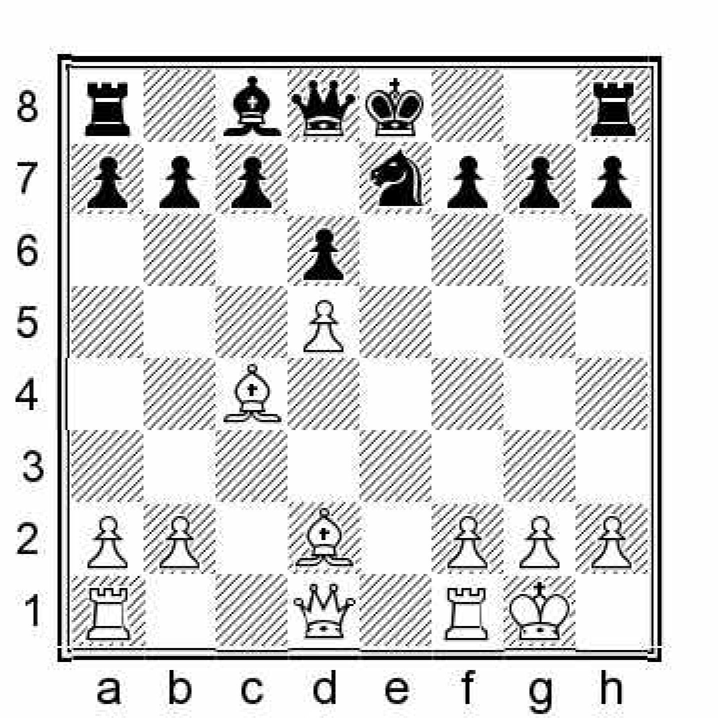
116. ** !N C54
Dubov, Daniil (2720) - Karjakin, Sergey (2743)
lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 152/116, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♗b4+ 7.♘bd2 ♘xe4 8.d5 ♘e7

8...♘xd2 - 124/106

9.O-O ♘xd2 10.♘xd2 O-O

10...♗xd2 11.♗xd2 d6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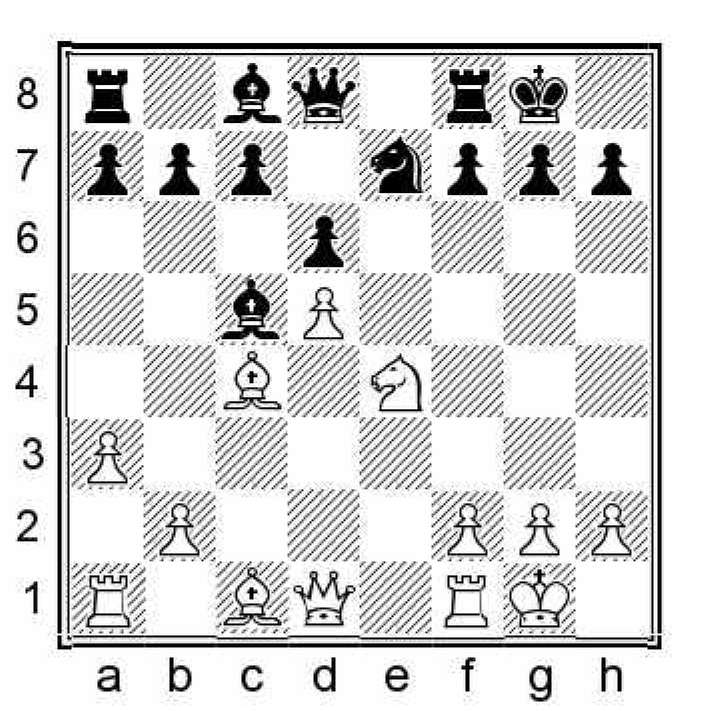
12.h4!N (12.♖c1; 12.♖e1) 12...O-O 13.h5 h6 14.♕f3⯹ Kosteniuk,A (2513)-Hosseinzadeh,N (2217) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/(116) 2022

11.♘e4 d6 12.a3 ♗c5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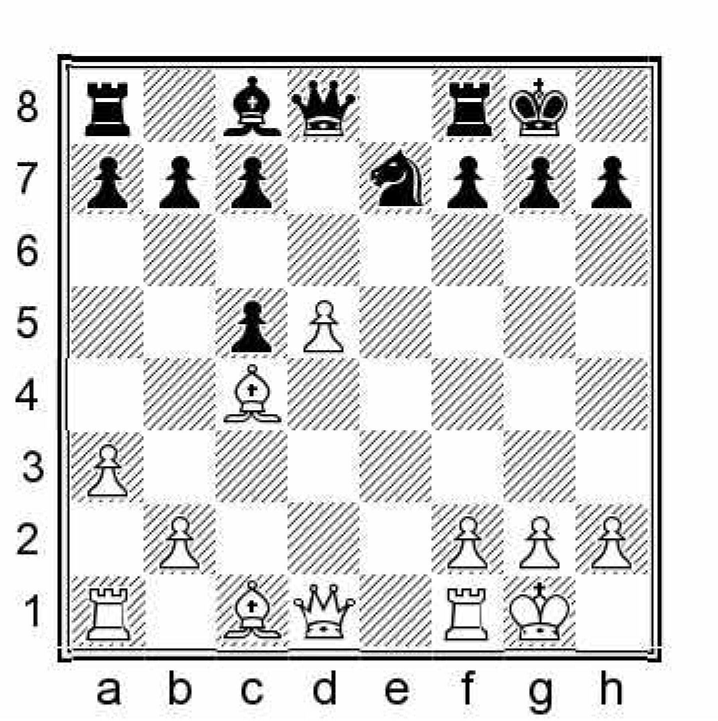
13.♘xc5N

13.♖e1

13...dxc5



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14.♗f4N ♘f5 15.♖c1 ♘d6 16.♗d3 ♕f6 17.♕h5 ♗f5 18.♗xf5 ♘xf5= Kosteniuk,A (2513)-Alekseenko,K (2698) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/(116) 2022

14...cxb4 15.axb4 ♘f5 16.♗b2

16.♕c2 ♘d6 17.♗d3 h6 18.♗b2 ♖e8 19.♖a3=∞

16...♘d6 17.♗d3 ♕g5

17...♗f5 18.♗xf5 ♘xf5 19.♕g4 ♕xd5 20.♖a5 b5 21.♖d1 ♕e6 22.♖xb5 ♖ad8 23.♖a1=

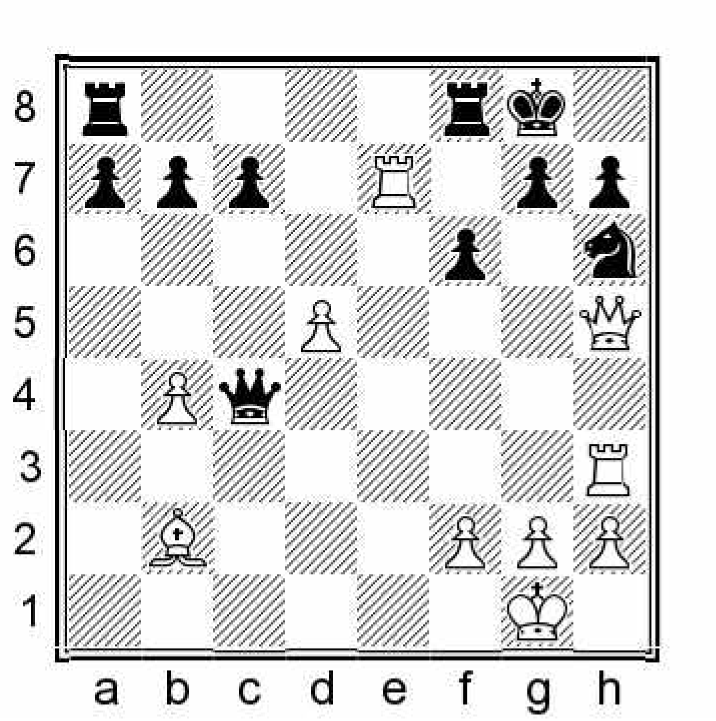
18.♖a3

18.f4 ♕g4 19.♕c1 f6 20.♕xc7 ♗f5 21.♗xf5 ♘xf5∞

18...♗f5 19.♗b1 f6 20.♖g3 ♕h4 21.♗xf5 ♘xf5 22.♖h3

22.♖g4 ♕h5 23.d6 ♕f7 24.dxc7 ♘h6 25.♖d4 ♕xc7 26.♖d7 ♕c6=∞

22...♕e4 23.♖e1 ♕c4 24.♕h5 ♘h6 25.♖e7



25.♖g3 ♕xb4 26.♖xg7+ (26.♗c3 ♕f4 27.h3=∞) 26...♔xg7 27.♕g5+ ♔h8 28.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 29.♕xf6+ ♔g8 30.♕g5+=

25...♖f7??

25...♕f4! 26.♖f3 (26.♖h4 ♕f5□ (26...♕d2? 27.h3 ♕xb2 (27...♖ad8 28.♗d4+-) 28.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 29.♕xh6+ ♔f7 30.♕xh7+ ♔e8 31.♖e4++-) 27.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 28.♕xh6+ ♔f7 29.h3=∞) 26...♕d2 27.♗c3 ♕d1+ 28.♖e1 ♕c2∞

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28...♕xd5 29.♕xg7+ ♔e8 30.h4 ♔d7 31.♕xf6+-

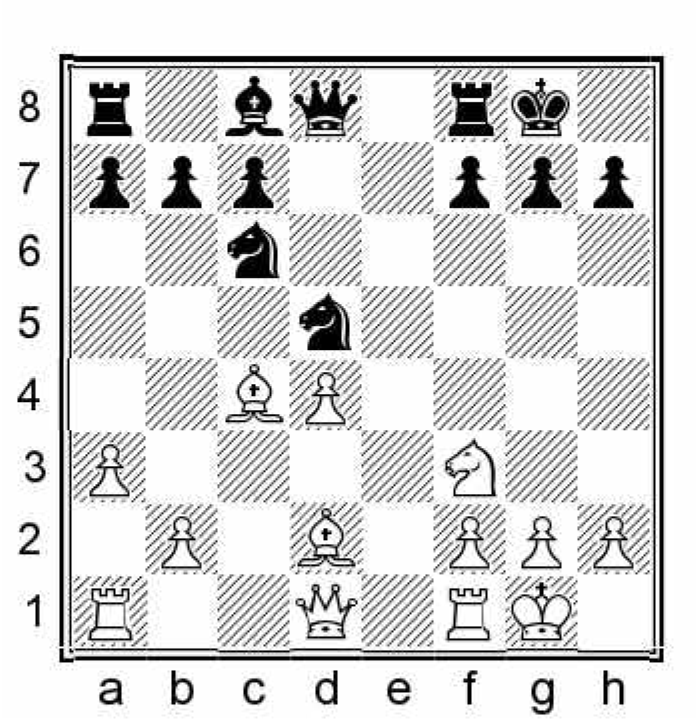
29.h3 ♖e8

29...♕xd5 30.♗xf6 ♕d1+ 31.♔h2 ♕d6 32.♕g7+ ♔e8 33.h4!+-

30.♗xf6 ♖e1+ 31.♔h2 ♕xd5 32.♖d3 1-0

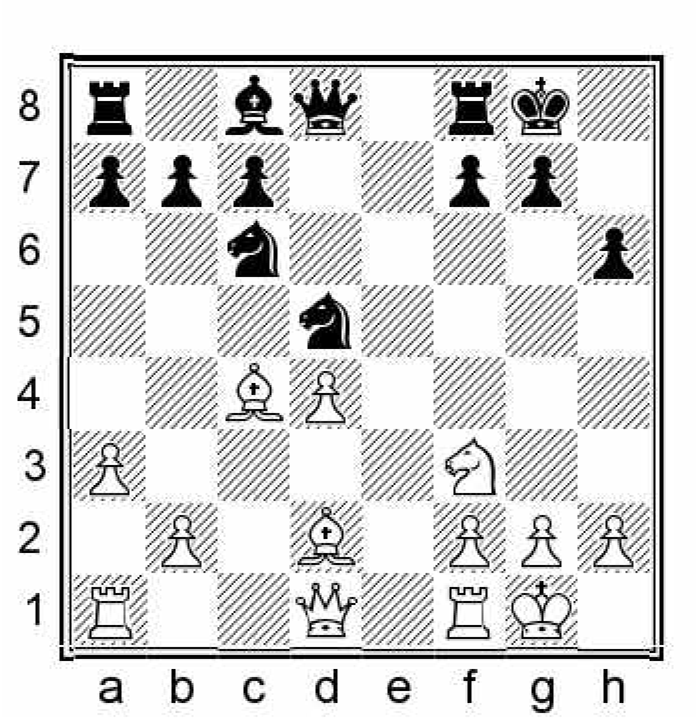
117. * C54
Jones, Gawain C B (2672) - Adams, Michael (2698)
Great Britain 152/117, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♗b4+ 7.♘bd2 d5 8.exd5 ♘xd5 9.O-O O-O 10.a3 ♗xd2 11.♗xd2



11...♗e6N

11...♗g4; 11...h6



- 152/(117) 12.h3N (12.♗a2) 12...♗e6 13.♖c1 a6 14.♖e1 ♕d6 15.♗d3 ♖ad8 16.♗b1↑ Kosteniuk,A (2516)-Grischuk,A (2758) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/(117) 2022

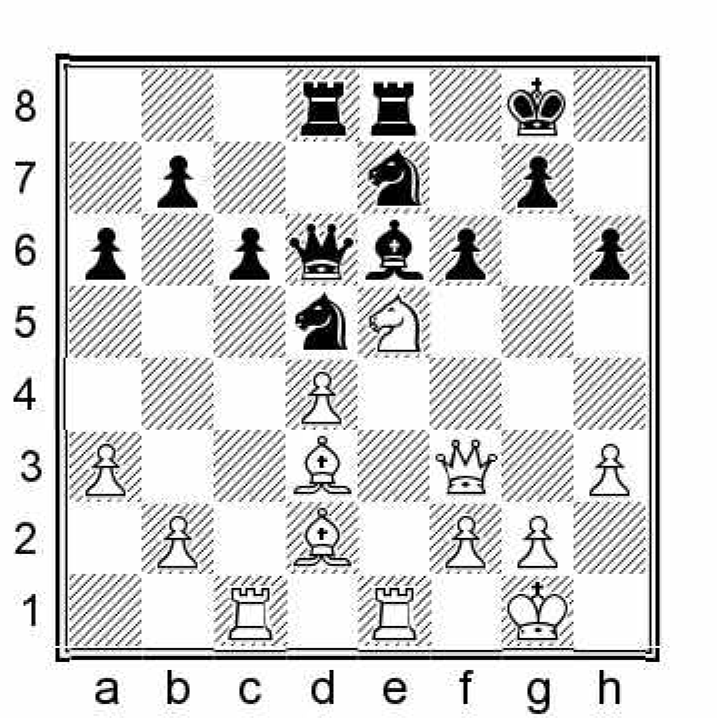
12.♖e1 h6

12...♘c3 13.♕c2! ♗xc4 14.♘g5 f5 15.♗xc3 ♕xg5 16.♗d2 ♕g6 17.♕xc4+ ♕f7 18.d5 ♖ad8 19.♖e6 ♘e7 20.♕xc7 ♘xd5 21.♕e5↑

13.♖c1 ♕d6 14.♕b3 a6 15.♕d3 ♖fe8 16.♘e5 ♘ce7 17.♕f3 c6?!

17...♕b6

18.♗d3 ♖ad8 19.h3 f6

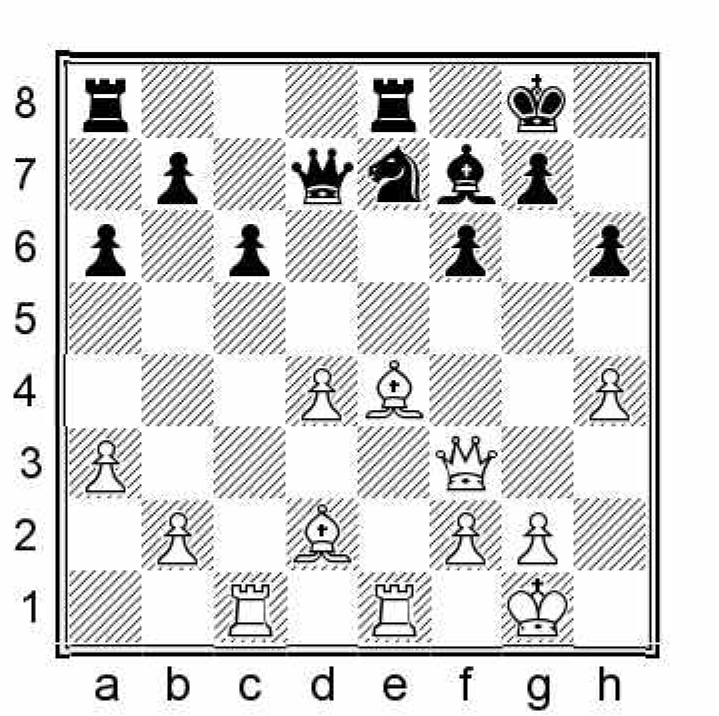


19...♕c7 20.♗b1 f6 21.♘d3 ♗f7 22.♘c5 ♕c8 23.♗d3±

20.♘g6

20.♘c4! ♕d7 21.♕g3 ♘f5 (21...♔h8 22.♗a5 ♖a8 23.♘d6 ♖eb8 24.♖xe6! ♕xe6 25.♖e1 ♕g8 26.♕h4±) 22.♗xf5 ♗xf5 23.♗xh6 ♔h7 24.♗d2±

20...♘xg6 21.♗xg6 ♗f7 22.♗e4 ♕d7 23.h4 ♘e7 24.♗a5 ♖a8 25.♗b4 ♘d5 26.♗d2 ♘e7



27.♗xh6! gxh6 28.♕xf6 ♗d5

28...♕g4? 29.♖e3 ♘g6 30.♗xg6 ♗xg6 31.♖g3 ♖e6 32.♖xg4 ♖xf6 33.h5+-

29.♖c3

29.♕xh6 ♗xe4 (29...♕g4 30.♕h7+ ♔f8 31.♖c3 ♕g7 32.♖f3+ ♗f7 33.♕h5 ♖ad8 34.♖ee3 ♖d6 35.♕a5±) 30.♖xe4 ♘f5 31.♖g4+ ♘g7 32.f3 ♕e7 33.h5±

29...♗xe4 30.♖g3+

30.♖xe4 ♘d5 31.♖g3+ ♔h7 32.♕g6+ ♔h8 33.♕xh6+ ♕h7 34.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 35.♕g5±

30...♗g6 31.h5 ♘f5 32.♕xg6+ ♔h8

32...♘g7 33.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 34.♕xh6 ♖e1+ 35.♔h2 ♕xd4 36.♕g5 ♖e4 37.h6 ♖h4+ 38.♖h3 ♖xh3+ 39.♔xh3 ♕xb2=

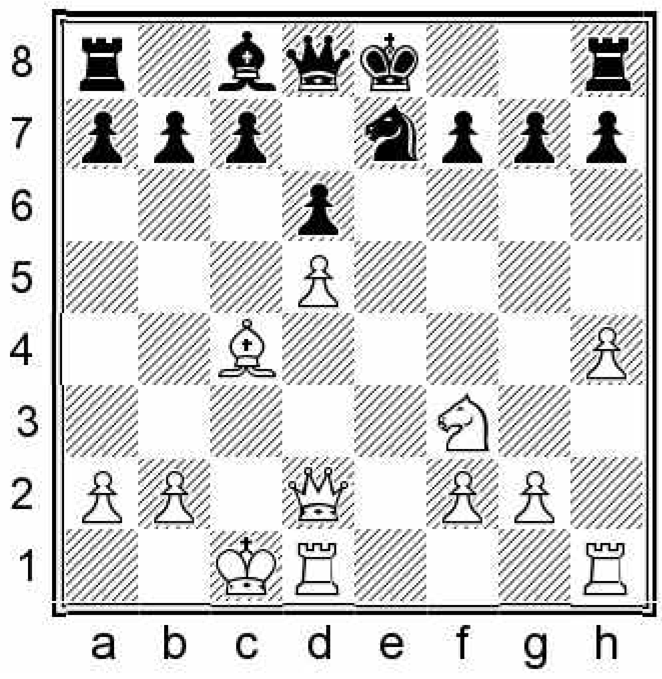
33.♕f6+ ♔h7 34.♕g6+ ♔h8 35.♕f6+ ♔h7 36.♖xe8 ♖xe8 37.♕g6+ ♔h8 38.♕f6+ ♔h7 39.♕g6+ 1/2-1/2

118. ** C54
Van Foreest, Jorden (2714) - Navara, David (2700)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/118, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♗b4+ 7.♘bd2 ♘xe4 8.d5 ♘xd2 9.♗xd2 ♗xd2+ 10.♕xd2 ♘e7 11.O-O-O

11.d6 - 124/106

11...d6 12.h4

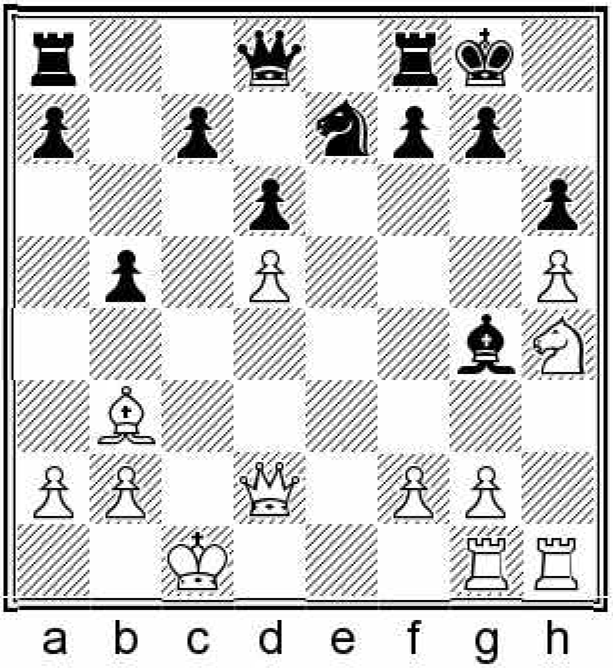


12...O-ON

12...♗g4 13.h5 ♕d7 14.♕d4 ♗xf3 15.gxf3 O-O 16.♗b3=∞

13.h5 h6 14.♖dg1 c6 - 152/(118)

14...♗g4 15.♖h4→; 14...b5N 15.♗b3 ♗g4 16.♘h4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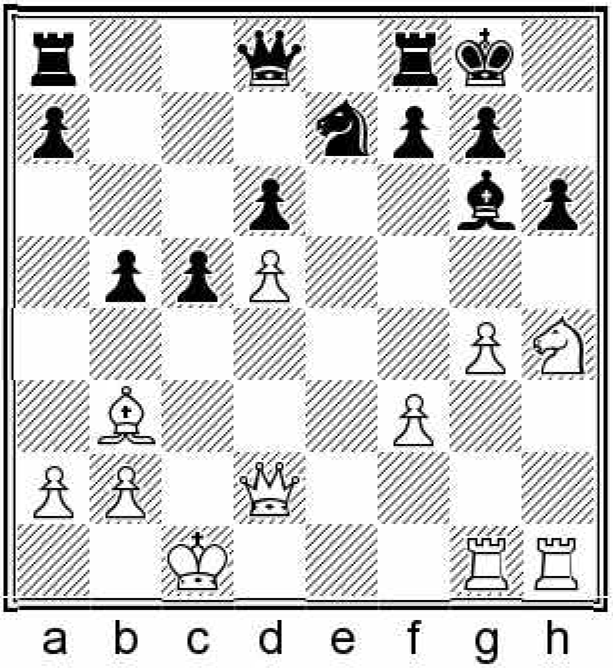
16...c5? (16...♖e8 17.f3 ♗xh5 18.g4 ♗g6 19.♘f5 ♗xf5 20.gxf5 ♘xf5 21.♗c2 ♕f6 22.♗xf5 ♕xf5 23.♖xg7+! ♔f8 24.♕xh6 ♔e7∞) 17.f3 ♗xh5 18.g4 ♗g6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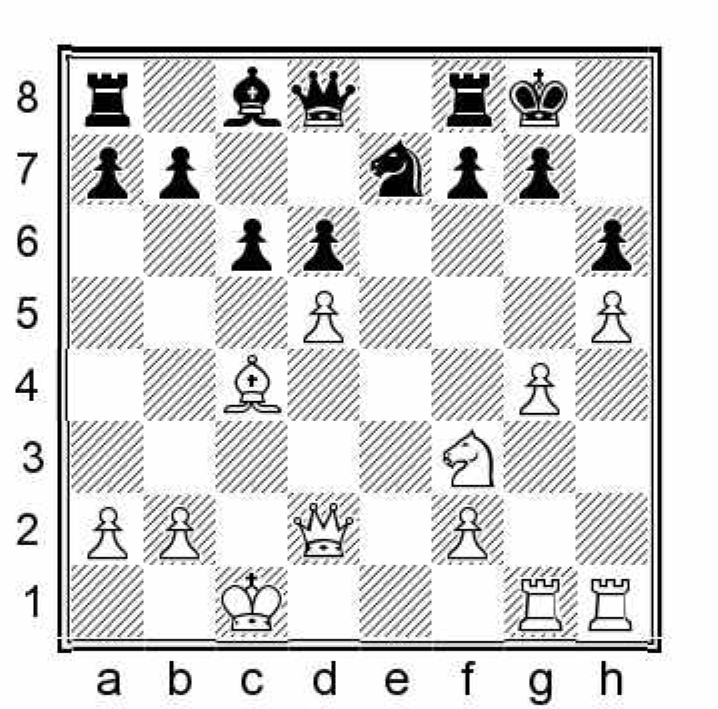
19.♘f5! f6 (19...♗xf5 20.gxf5 ♘xf5 21.♗c2+-) 20.♗c2+- Caruana,F (2792)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess.com (Int.-m/1-rapid) 152/(118) 2022

15.g4



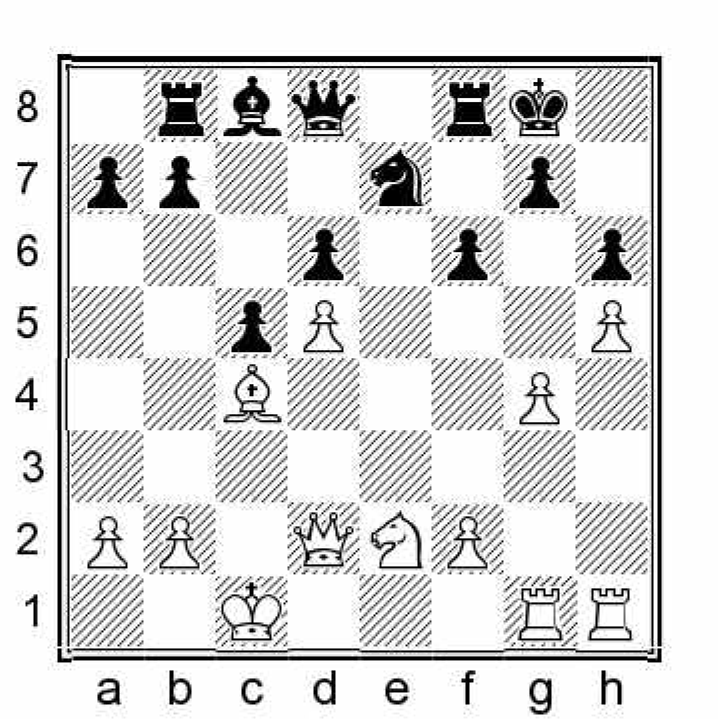
15...f6N

15...cxd5 - 152/(118) 16.♗b3 f6 17.♗c2 ♗d7 18.♕d3 ♖c8 19.♔b1 ♖xc2 20.♕xc2 ♕c8 21.♘d4 ♗xg4 22.♕xc8 ♗xc8 23.♖c1 ♘f5 24.♖xc8 ♘xd4 25.♖c7 ♖f7 26.♖c8+ ♖f8 27.♖c7 ♖f7 28.♖c8+ ♖f8 29.♖c7 1/2 (29) Nielsen,A (2207) -Mannion,S (2271) Praha (open) 152/(118) 2022

16.♘d4 c5?

16...♘xd5 17.♔b1 ♔h8 18.f4 ♗d7 19.♗xd5 (19.g5 fxg5 20.fxg5 hxg5 21.♖xg5 ♖f2! 22.♕xf2 ♕xg5∓; 19.♘f3 ♕b6 20.♘h4 ♖fe8∞) 19...cxd5 20.a3 ♖c8 21.♔a2⯹

17.♘e2 ♖b8



18.♗b3?!

18.♗d3! b5 (18...c4 19.♗b1+-) 19.♗b1 c4 20.♕c2 f5 21.g5 hxg5 (21...♔h7 22.♕d2 ♖b7 23.gxh6 gxh6 24.♘f4+-) 22.♖xg5 ♘xd5 23.♕d2 ♘f6 24.h6 ♖b7 25.♖hg1+-

18...b5 19.♗c2 c4 20.f4

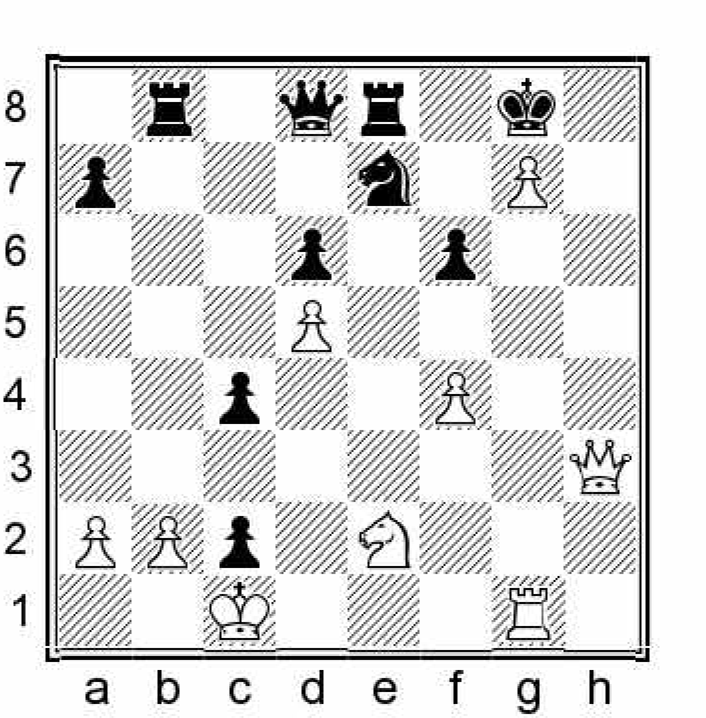
20.♗b1±

20...b4 21.g5 b3

21...c3 22.bxc3 bxc3 23.♕xc3! (23.♘xc3 ♘f5 24.gxh6 ♘xh6 25.f5 ♔h7 26.♖g6 ♖f7 27.♖hg1∞) 23...♘f5 24.gxh6 ♘xh6 25.♘d4 ♕b6 26.♔d2 ♗g4 27.♖b1 ♕a6 28.a3±

22.gxh6 bxc2 23.hxg7 ♖f7??

23...♖e8! 24.h6 ♗f5 25.h7+ ♗xh7 26.♖xh7 (26.♕c3 ♕c8 27.♖xh7 ♔xh7 28.♕xf6 ♕h3 29.g8=♕+ ♖xg8 30.♕xe7+ ♔h8 31.♕f6+ ♔h7=) 26...♔xh7 27.♕c3 ♔g8 28.♕h3



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24.h6 ♗f5

24...♔h7 25.♘d4 ♛b6 26.♕xc2+ f5 27.♕g2+-

25.h7+ ♗xh7 26.♖xh7!+- ♔xh7 27.♘d4 ♔g8

27...♘g8 28.♕h2+ ♘h6 29.♘f5

28.♕h2 ♖xg7 29.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 30.♘e6+ ♔f7 31.♕h5+ ♔g8 32.♕g4+ ♔f7 33.♘xd8+ ♖xd8 34.♕e6+ ♔e8 35.♕xf6 ♘xd5 36.♛e6+ ♘e7 37.f5 ♔f8 38.♕f6+

38.f6 ♘c6 39.♕g4

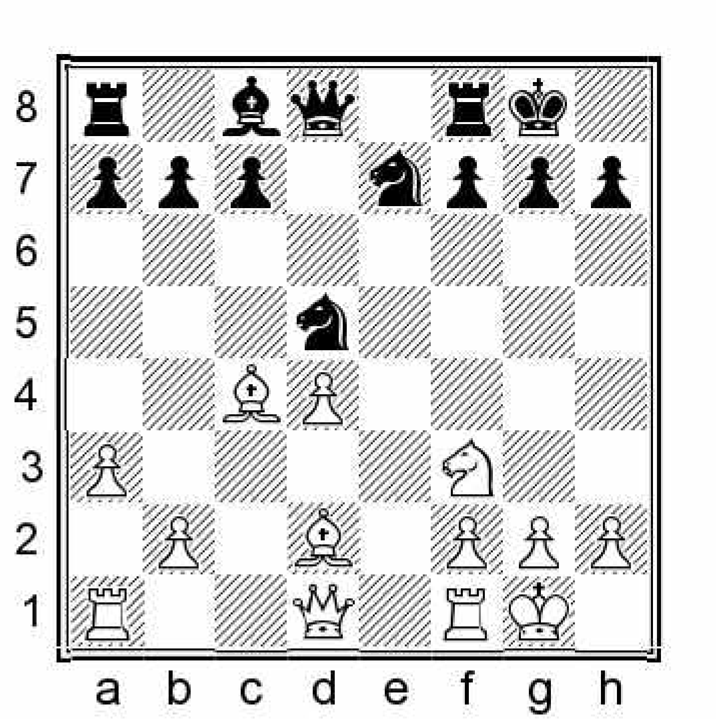
38...♔e8 39.♕g7 ♘xf5 40.♕g6+ ♔d7 41.♕xf5+ ♔c6 42.♕a5 ♖d7 43.♔xc2 d5 44.♔c3 ♔d6 45.♔d4 ♔e6 46.♕e1+ ♔d6 47.♕e5+ ♔c6 48.♕b8 a5 49.♕c8+ ♔d6 50.♕c5+ 1-0

119. C54
Van Foreest, Jorden (2714) - Hess, Robert L (2591)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/119, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♗b4+ 7.♘bd2 d5

7...♘xe4 - 124/106

8.exd5 ♘xd5 9.O-O O-O 10.a3 ♗xd2 11.♗xd2 ♘ce7



12.h3N

12.♖e1

12...c6 13.♖e1 ♕d6

13...♗f5 14.♕b3 ♕b6 (14...♖b8 15.♖e2 ♕d6 16.♖ae1±) 15.♗b4! ♖fe8 16.♖e5 a5 17.♖ae1 ♗e6 (17...axb4 18.♗xd5 cxd5 19.♖xe7±) 18.♗xe7 ♕xb3 19.♗xb3 ♖xe7 20.♘g5±

14.♕b3 a5 15.♘g5 ♗f5

15...h6 16.♘e4 ♕g6 17.♘g3 a4 18.♕f3 ♗e6 19.♖ac1±

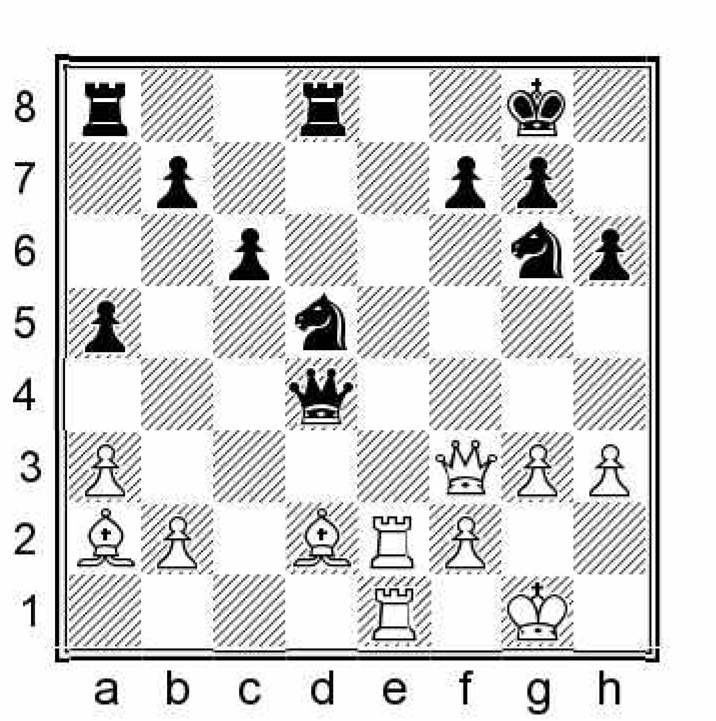
16.♕f3 h6 17.♘e4 ♗xe4 18.♖xe4 ♘g6 19.♖ae1

19.♖g4!? ♖fe8 20.h4 ♖e6 21.h5 ♖f6 22.♕b3 ♘gf4 23.♕g3 (23.♕xb7 ♖b8 24.♕a7 ♖xb2 25.♗xf4 ♘xf4 26.♖e1 ♘e6∞) 23...♘xh5 24.♕e5 ♕xe5 25.dxe5 ♖e6 26.♖h4 g6 27.f4⩱; 19.♕f5 b6 (19...♘ge7 20.♕e5 ♕xe5 21.dxe5±) 20.♖ae1 ♖ad8 21.♗a2±

19...♘f6 20.♖4e2 ♕xd4 21.♗a2 ♘d5

21...♕xb2 22.♗xh6 ♕b5 23.♕g3→

22.g3 ♖fd8?



22...♕xb2 23.♗xd5 (23.♗xh6 ♕c3 24.♗xd5 ♕xf3 25.♗xf3 gxh6 26.♖b2 ♖ab8 27.♖b6=) 23...cxd5 24.♗b4 ♕xe2 25.♖xe2 axb4 26.axb4 ♖fd8=

23.h4?

23.♗c3! ♕c5 (23...♘xc3 24.♕xf7+ ♔h7 25.bxc3 ♕f6 26.♕xb7+-) 24.h4 ♖f8 (24...♘xc3 25.♗xf7+ ♔h7 26.bxc3+-) 25.♗xd5 ♕xd5 (25...cxd5 26.h5 d4 27.♗d2 ♘h8 28.♖e5 ♕c6 29.♕g4+-) 26.♕xd5 cxd5 27.h5 ♘h8 28.♖d2 ♖fd8 29.♖ed1+-

23...♘f8?

23...♘e5 24.♖xe5 ♕xd2 25.♖1e2 ♕d4 26.♗xd5 ♖xd5 27.♖e7 ♖f8 28.♖xb7±; 23...♕f6! 24.♕g4 (24.♗xd5 cxd5 25.♕xf6 gxf6 26.♗xh6 d4∞) 24...♘f8 25.♗xd5 ♖xd5 26.♗c3 h5 27.♕c4 ♕d6∞

24.♗c3 ♕c5 25.♖e7! 1-0

120. C54
Giri, Anish (2771) - Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2623)
Berlin 152/120, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.O-O O-O 6.♘bd2 d6 7.c3 a6 8.b4 ♗a7 9.a4 ♘e7 10.♖e1 ♘g6 11.d4

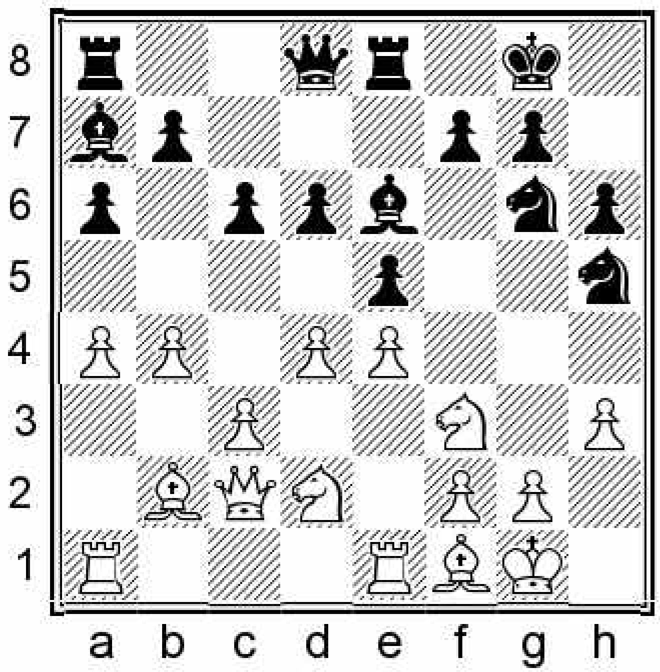
11.h3 h6

11...♖e8

11...c6 - 130/109

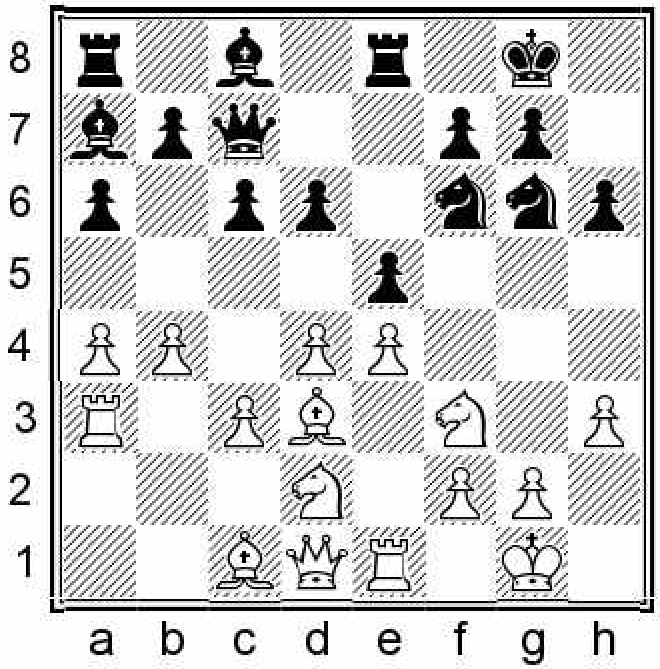
12.h3 h6 13.♗d3 c6 14.♖a3

14.♕c2 ♗e6 15.♗f1 ♘h5 16.♗b2



16...♕d7!? (16...♘hf4 17.c4) 17.c4 ♘hf4 18.♖e3 ♖ad8 19.b5 (19.c5!?) 19...♕e7 20.♖b3 ♗xd4 21.♘xd4 exd4 22.♗xd4 axb5 23.axb5 ♘e5 24.♗b2 c5 25.♘f3 g5 26.♖c1 ♖a8 27.♕d1 ♖ed8 28.♖c2 ♔h7 29.♖bc3 ♖g8 30.♔h1 ♘fg6 31.g3 ♘xf3 32.♖xf3 ♘e5 33.♖e3 ♖a4 34.♖d2 ♖a2 35.♕b3 ♖aa8 36.♖c3 ♖g6 37.♕d1 h5 38.♖cc2 ♖ag8 39.f3=; 14.♗c2 a5 (14...d5) 15.bxa5 (15.b5 ♕c7 16.♖a3 ♖b8 17.♗d3 ♗e6 18.♘f1 ♖bd8 19.♗d2=) 15...♕xa5 16.♖b1 b5 17.axb5 cxb5 18.♗d3 ♕xc3 19.♗xb5 ♗d7 20.♗xd7 ♘xd7 21.♗b2 ♕c7 22.♘f1 ♖ab8 23.♘g3 ♖b6 24.♕a4 ♖eb8 25.♖bc1 ♕b7 26.♗a1 ♘f4 27.♕d1 ♕a6 28.♖e3 ♕a2 29.♖e1 ♕a6 30.♖e3 ♕a2 31.♖e1 ♕a6=

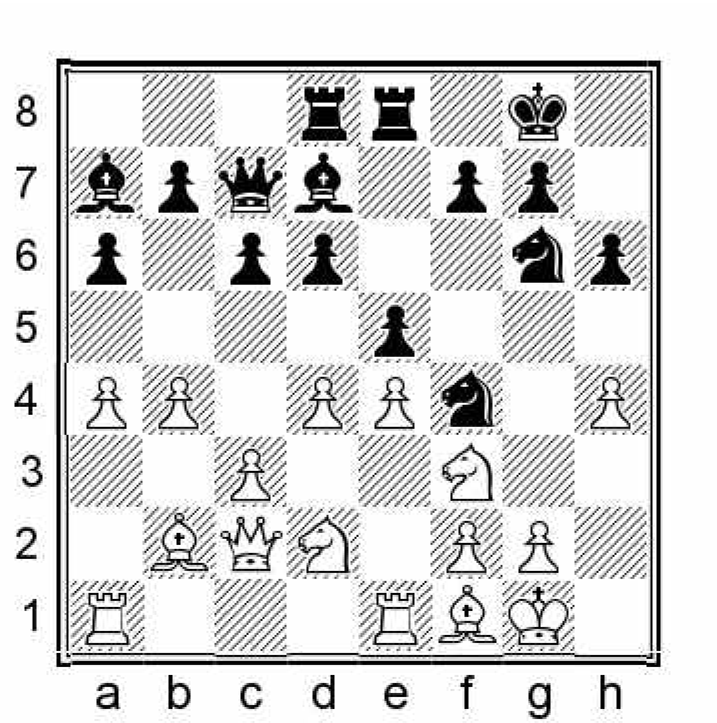
14...♕c7



15.♗b2N

15.a5

15...♗d7 16.♕c2 ♖ad8 17.♖aa1 ♘h5 18.♗f1 ♘hf4 19.h4?



19.c4! c5 20.bxc5 exd4 21.c6 ♗xc6 22.♘xd4 ♘e5⇄

19...d5! 20.g3

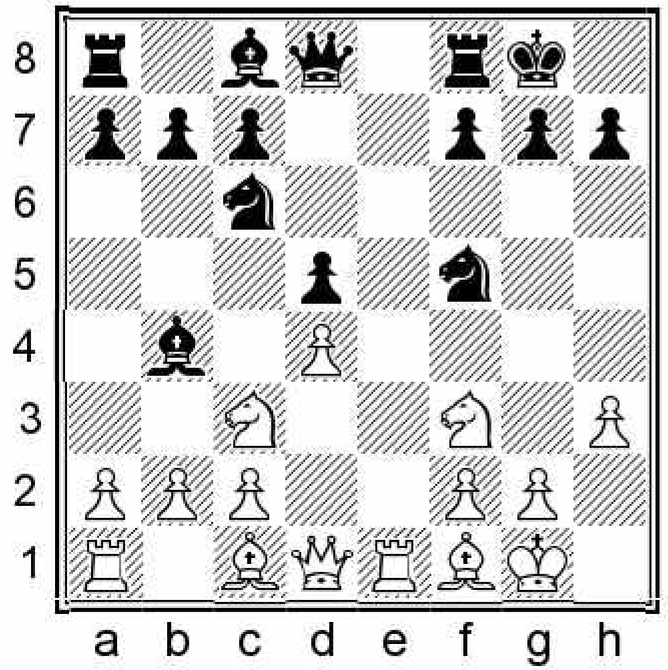
20.c4 dxe4 21.♘xe5 (21.♖xe4 ♗f5-+; 21.♘xe4 f5-+) 21...♘xe5 22.dxe5 e3 23.fxe3 ♘g6 24.♘f3 a5 25.b5 ♗g4

20...♘h3+ 21.♔g2 exd4! 22.cxd4 ♘gf4+! 23.gxf4 ♕xf4 24.e5 ♗f5 25.♕c3 ♖e6 26.♕e3 ♖g6+ 27.♔h1 ♕g4 28.♖a3 f6 29.exf6 gxf6 30.h5 ♖g7 0-1

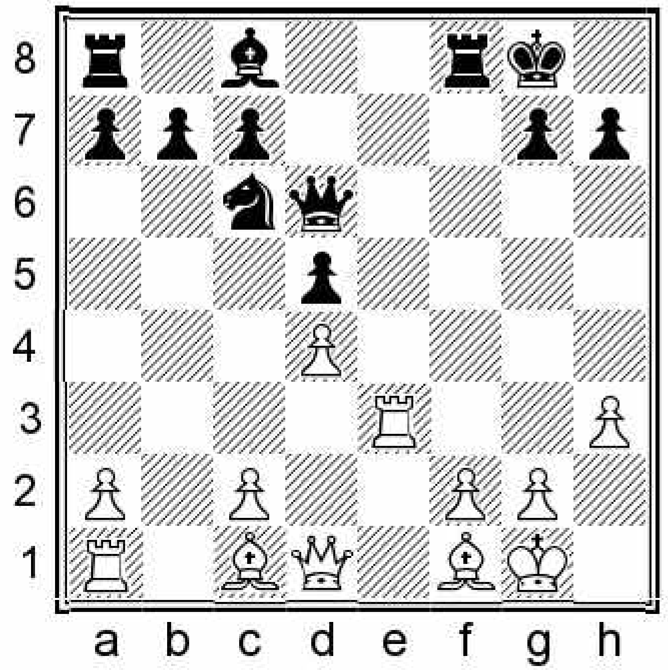
121. * C67
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679) - Kamsky, Gata (2657)
chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/121, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5

7...♘f5 8.♘f3 O-O 9.d4 d5 10.♘c3 ♗b4 (10...♘h4 11.♘xh4 ♗xh4 12.♗b5!? (12.♘e2 ♗f5 13.g3 ♗f6 14.c3 ♕d7 15.♘f4 ♖ae8 16.♗e3 ♘d8 17.♗g2 c6 Δ Ne6∞) 12...♘e7 13.♗d3 ♗f6 14.♕h5 g6 15.♕f3 ♗g7 (15...♗xd4 16.♗g5 f6 17.♗h6 ♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♖f7 19.♖ad1⯹) 16.♗g5 f6 17.♗d2 c6 18.♘e2 ♘f5 19.g3 ♖e8 (19...♕b6 20.♘f4 ♕xd4 21.♖ab1⯹) 20.h4 ♗h6 21.♗xh6 ♘xh6 22.c4 ♗g4 23.♕f4 ♔g7 24.♘c3 ♗f5∞) 11.h3



(11.a3 ♗xc3 12.bxc3 ♘d6 13.♘e5 (13.♗g5 f6 14.♗f4 ♘a5 15.♗d3 ♗g4 16.h3 ♗h5 17.g4 ♗f7 18.♘d2 ♕d7∞) 13...♗f5 (13...♘e7 14.a4 f6 15.♘d3 a5 16.♗a3±) 14.♗f4 ♘xe5 15.dxe5 ♘c4 16.h3 c5 17.g4 ♗e6 18.♗g3 f5⇄) 11...♗xc3N (11...♗e6 12.a3 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♘d6 14.a4 ♖e8 15.♗d3±; 11...♘ce7!? 12.♗d3 c6 13.a3 ♗a5 14.♗g5 (14.♗d2 ♘g6 Δ Bc7⇄) 14...♖e8 15.♕d2 h6 16.♗f4 ♗b6 17.♘e2 ♘g6 18.♗h2 ♘fh4 19.♘xh4 ♘xh4 20.♗g3 ♘f5 21.♗f4 ♘h4⇄) 12.bxc3 ♘d6 13.♘e5 ♘e7 14.c4 f6 15.c5 fxe5 16.cxd6 ♕xd6 17.♖xe5 (17.dxe5 ♕b6 18.♗e3 ♕c6 19.g4±) 17...♘c6 18.♖e3



18...♗f5? (18...♕f6 19.♖f3! ♗f5 (19...♕xd4 20.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 21.♗d3 g6 22.♖b1 ♔g8 23.♕f3±) 20.c3 ♕e6 21.♗a3 ♖fe8 22.c4±) 19.♗a3 ♕f6 20.♗xf8 ♖xf8 21.c3 ♗e4 22.f3 ♕g5 23.♕c1 ♗g6 24.♖e8!+- Deac,B (2679) -Nakamura,H (2736) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/(121) 2022

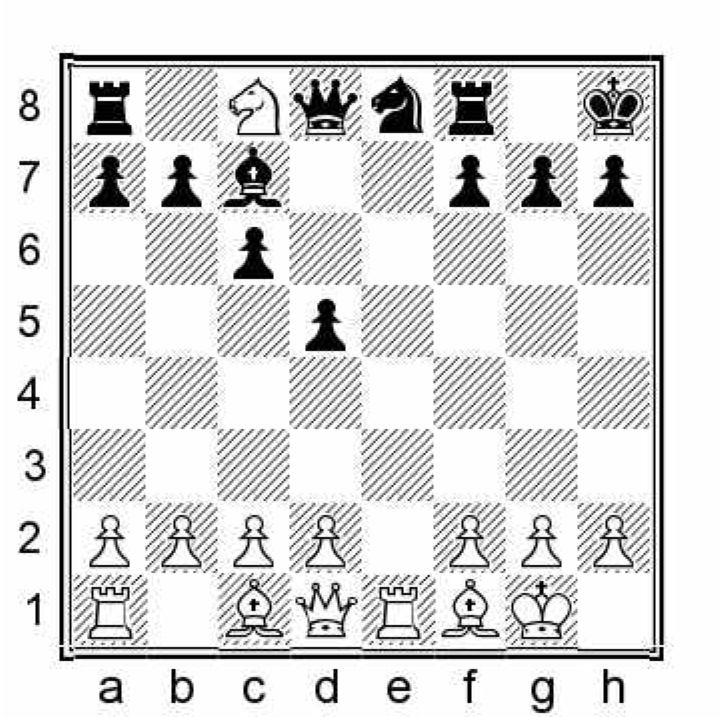
8.♖xe5 O-O 9.♘c3 ♘e8 10.♘d5 ♗d6 11.♖e1 c6 12.♘e3 ♗c7

12...♗e7 13.c4 ♘c7 14.d4 (14.♘f5 ♗f6 15.♘d6 ♘e8 16.♘xc8 ♖xc8 17.d4 d5 18.c5 b6 19.b4 ♘c7 Δ Ne6) 14...d5 15.cxd5 ♗b4 16.♗d2 ♗xd2 17.♕xd2 ♘xd5 18.♘xd5 ♕xd5 19.♖e5 ♕d6 20.♗c4 ♗d7 21.♖ae1 b5 22.♗b3 a5 23.a3 a4 24.♗a2 ♖ae8=

13.♘f5

13.c4 - 110/174

13...d5 14.♘e7+ ♔h8 15.♘xc8



15...♖xc8

15...♕xc8!? 16.♕f3 (16.b3 ♕f5 17.♗a3 ♗d6 18.♗b2 ♕g5 19.♗d3 f5⇄) 16...♕d7 17.d3 (17.d4 ♘d6 18.♗d3 f5 Δ Ne4) 17...f5!? 18.♗g5 (18.♗f4 ♗xf4 19.♕xf4 ♘f6 20.♖e5 ♘g4 21.♖e2 ♖ae8 22.♖ae1 ♖xe2 23.♖xe2 ♔g8=) 18...♘f6 19.♖e2 ♖ae8=

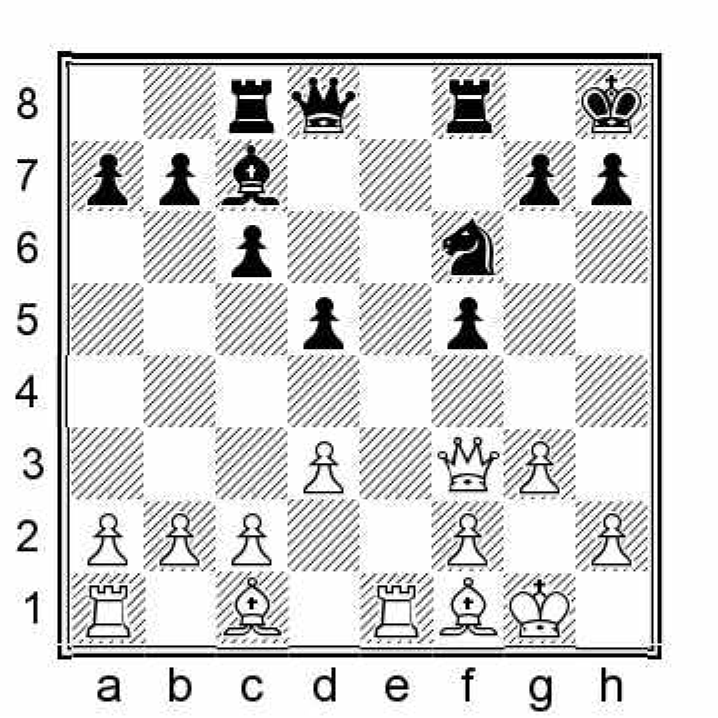
16.d3 f5 17.g3

17.♕f3

17...♘f6

17...f4!? 18.♕g4 ♗d6 19.♗xf4 ♗xf4 20.gxf4 ♖c7 21.♗h3 ♖cf7 22.♕g5 ♕d6 23.f5 ♕b4 24.♖ab1 ♕a4⇄

18.♕f3



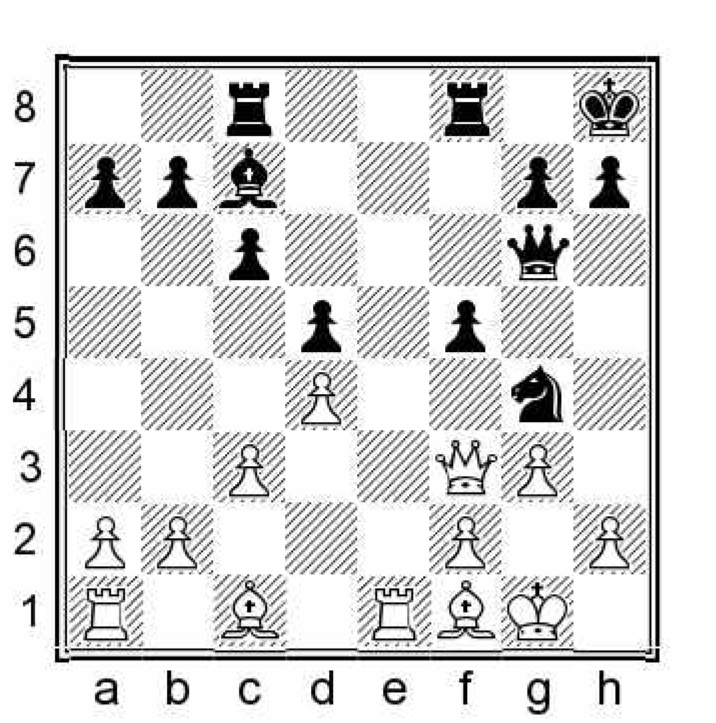
18...♘g4!? 19.d4

19.c3 ♘e5 20.♕e2 (20.♕g2 ♕f6 21.♗e3 g5!?⇄) 20...♖e8! (20...♕f6 21.♗f4±; 20...d4 21.♗f4 ♖e8 22.♗g2 g5 23.♗d2 g4 24.♕f1 ♗b6 25.♖e2 Δ Rae1↑) 21.♗f4 ♕d7 22.♕d1 (22.♗g2? ♘g6∓) 22...g6 23.♗g2 ♘g4 24.♕d2 ♗xf4 25.♕xf4 a6 26.h3 ♘f6 27.g4 ♔g7∞

19...♕f6

19...♘f6!? 20.♕xf5 (20.♖e2 ♘e4 21.♕d3 ♕f6 22.f3 ♗b6⇄) 20...♘e4 21.♕h5 ♘xf2 22.♗g5 ♕d7 23.♗e7 g6 (23...♖f5!? 24.♗h3 ♘xh3+ 25.♕xh3 ♖e8! 26.♖e3 g6 27.♖ae1 ♔g8=) 24.♕h4 ♖f7 25.♗f6+ ♔g8 26.♖e2 ♖cf8 27.♖xf2 ♕e6 28.♗h3 ♕e3 29.♔g2 g5! 30.♕g4 ♖xf6 31.♖xf6 ♖xf6 32.♕c8+ ♖f8 33.♕e6+ (33.♗e6+ ♔g7 34.♕xc7+ ♔g6 35.♗g4 ♕e4+ 36.♔h3 h5=) 33...♕xe6 34.♗xe6+ ♔g7 (34...♔h8 35.♖f1 ♖e8 36.♗g4 ♖e4 37.♗h5 ♖xd4 38.♖f8+ ♔g7 39.♖f7+ ♔h6 40.♗e2 ♖d2 41.♔f1 ♗b6 42.♗d3 g4 43.♖xb7) 35.♖f1 ♖xf1 36.♔xf1 b6 37.♗c8 c5 38.dxc5 bxc5 39.♗b7 d4 40.♔e2 h5 41.♔d3 h4=

20.c3± ♕g6



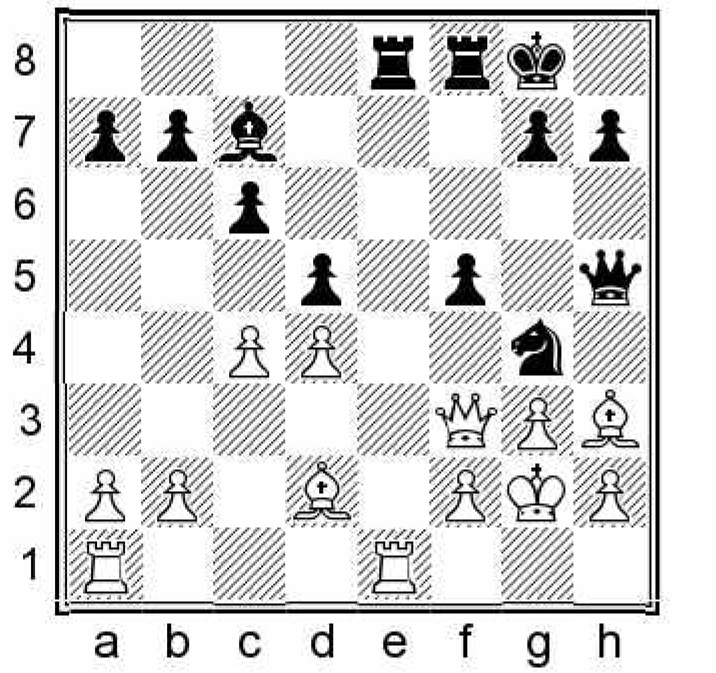
20...♘h6 21.♗xh6 ♕xh6 22.♖e7 f4 23.♕g4 ♕f6 24.♖e6 ♕f7 25.♖ae1±

21.♗h3N

21.♗f4 ♗xf4 22.♕xf4 ♖ce8 23.f3±

21...♕h5 22.♔g2 g5?!

22...♖ce8 23.♗d2 ♔g8 24.c4



24...♖e4! 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.♖xe4 dxe4 27.♕b3+ ♕f7 28.♕xb7 ♘xf2! 29.♖c1 ♕h5 30.♔xf2 ♕xh3 31.♕xc7 ♕xh2+ 32.♔e3 (32.♔e1 ♕g1+ 33.♔e2 ♕g2+ 34.♔e1=) 32...f4+ 33.gxf4 ♕g3+ 34.♔xe4

(34.♔e2 ♕f3+ 35.♔e1 e3∓) 34...♖e8+ 35.♔d5 ♕g2+ 36.♔c4 ♕xd2 37.♔b3 ♕xd4 38.♕c4+=

23.♗d2 ♖f7

23...♘e3+ 24.♖xe3 g4 25.♗xg4 fxg4 26.♕e2 ♖ce8 27.♖e1±; 23...♖f6 24.♗xg4 ♕xg4 25.♕xg4 fxg4 26.♗xg5±

24.♖e6± ♖cf8 25.♖ae1 ♘e3+ 26.♕xe3 g4 27.♖h6

27.♕h6 gxh3+ 28.♔f1 ♕f3 29.♗g5 ♔g8 30.♖e7 ♕d3+ 31.♔g1 ♕f3 32.♕xh3+-

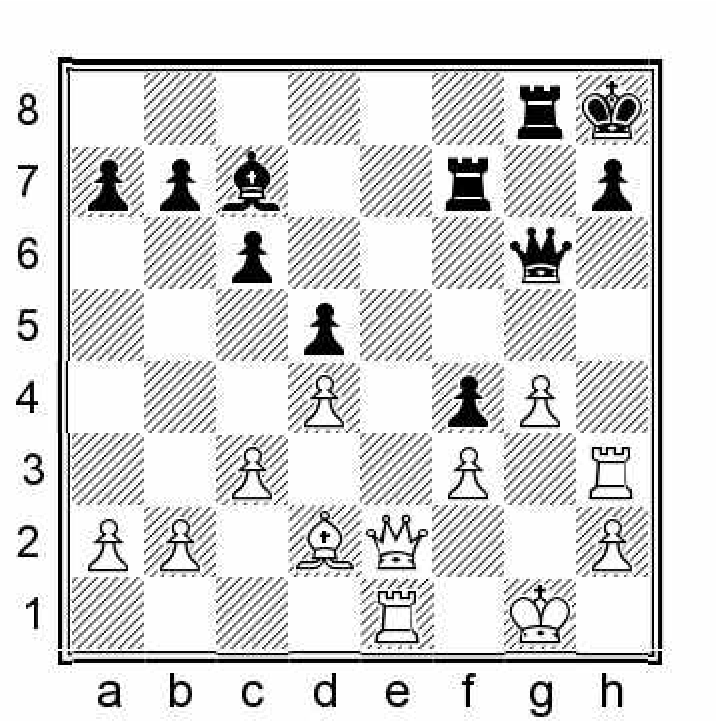
27...gxh3+ 28.♔g1 ♕g4 29.♕e2

29.♖h4 ♕g8 (29...♕g6 30.♕h6+-) 30.♕e6 f4 31.♖g4 ♖g7 32.♖xg7 ♕xg7 33.♕xh3+-

29...♖g8

29...♕g7 30.♕h5 f4 31.♕xh3 fxg3 32.fxg3 ♗d8 33.♖he6 ♗g5 34.♗xg5 ♕xg5 35.♖e8±

30.f3 ♕g7 31.♖xh3 f4 32.g4 ♕g6



33.♕e6

33.c4! ♖f5 34.♗c3+-

33...♖f6 34.♕d7 ♖f7 35.♖e7 ♖xe7 36.♕xe7 ♖g7 37.♕e2 ♗d6 38.♗e1! ♖e7 39.♕d1 ♕e6 40.♔f1 ♖e8 41.♗f2 ♕g6 42.♖h5 b6 43.♖f5⊕

43.♗h4 b5 44.♖f5 ♖f8 45.♖g5 ♕e6 46.♖h5 ∆ Bg5+-

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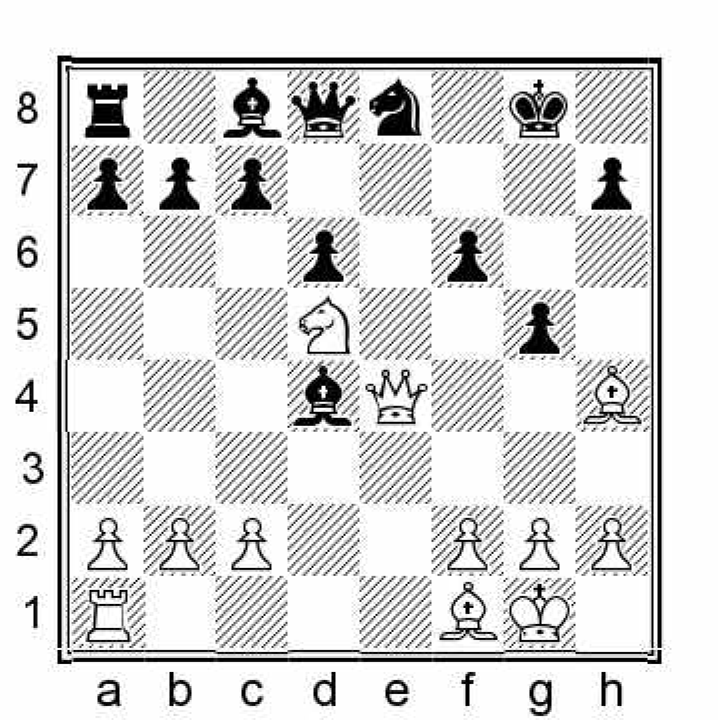
122. C67
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2671) - Niemann, Hans Moke (2656)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♗f6 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.♗f4 ♖xe1 12.♕xe1 ♘e8 13.♘c3 ♗xd4 14.♘d5 d6 15.♗g5 f6 16.♗h4 g5 17.♕e4



17...♗e5N

17...♗xb2 18.♖e1 (18.♖b1 ♗e5∞) 18...♗e5 19.f4 gxh4 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.♗d3 ♗f5 22.♕xf5 ♕xd5= - 142/119

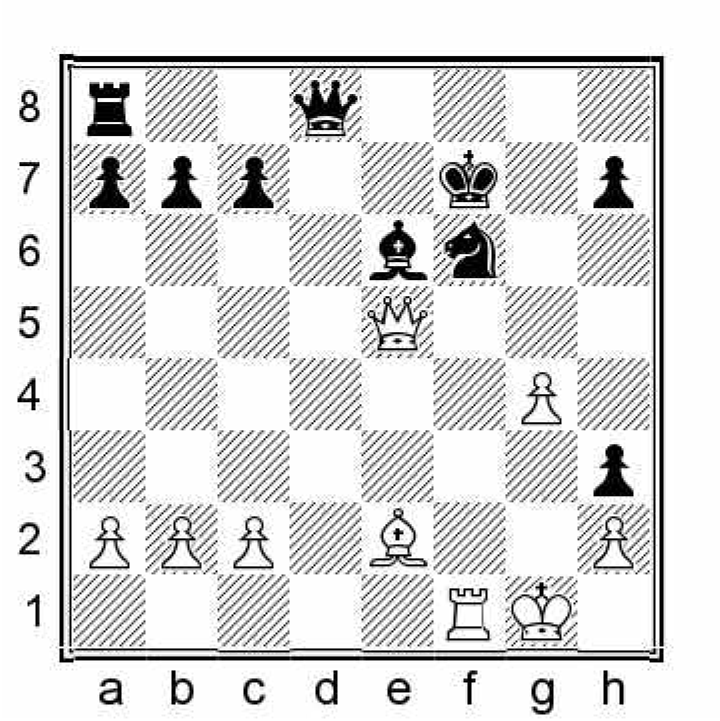
18.f4 gxh4 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.♗d3 ♔f8! 21.♖f1 ♗e6 22.♘xf6! ♘xf6 23.♕xe5

23.♕xh4 ♔g7 24.♕g5+ ♔f7 25.♗xh7 ♕h8□ 26.♗g6+ ♔e7 27.♕xe5 ♖d8□ (27...a5? 28.g4! ♕h4 29.g5 ♕g4+ 30.♔h1 ♘e8 31.♗f5 ♕c4 32.♖e1 ♖a6 33.♔g1!+-) 28.♗f5 ♖d6 29.♗xe6 ♖xe6 30.♕xc7+ ♘d7 31.♖d1 ♕d8 32.♕xb7 ♕b6+ 33.♕xb6 ♖xb6 34.b3±

23...♔f7 24.♗e2 h3

24...♕e7 25.♕h5+ ♔g7 26.♕g5+ ♔h8 27.♕xf6+ (27.♖xf6 ♗xa2=) 27...♕xf6 28.♖xf6 ♗xa2=

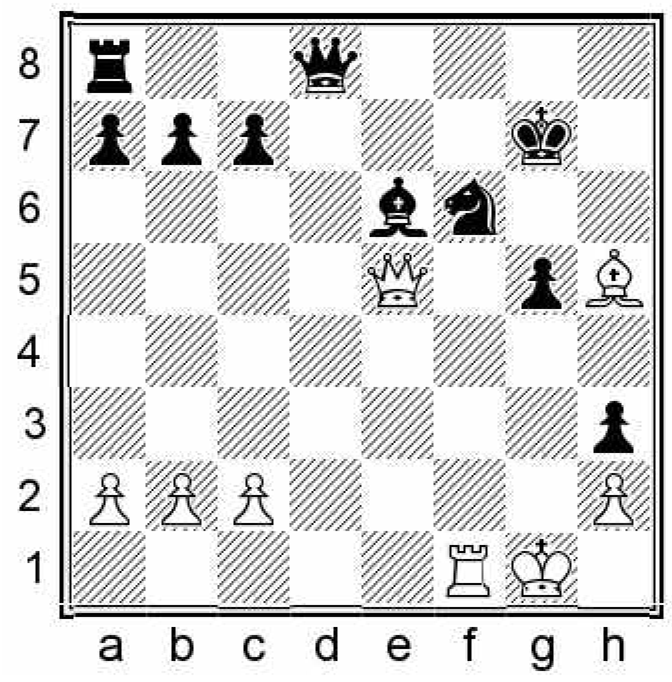
25.g4



25...h6?

25...♗xa2! 26.b3 (26.g5 ♕d5 27.♕xf6+ ♔g8 28.♖f2 ♗c4!∞) 26...♕d6 27.♕xd6 (27.♗c4+ ♔g7 28.♕g5+ ♔h8 29.♕xf6+ ♕xf6 30.♖xf6 ♖d8=) 27...cxd6 28.g5 a5 29.♗c4+ ♔f8! 30.♖xf6+ (30.gxf6 a4 31.♖f5 h6! 32.♖h5 d5! 33.♖xh6 dxc4 34.♖h8+ ♔f7 35.♖xa8 cxb3 36.cxb3 ♗xb3=) 30...♔g7 31.♖f7+ (31.♖xd6 a4=) 31...♔g6 32.♖f1 a4 33.♖a1 axb3 34.♗xb3 ♗xb3 35.♖xa8 ♗xc2=

26.g5 hxg5 27.♗h5+ ♔g7



28.♕xg5+?

28.c3!! ♔h6 (28...♕d5 29.♕xf6+ ♔g8 30.♗f3 ♕c5+ 31.♖f2 ♗f7 (31...♕e3 32.♕g6+ ♔h8 33.♗e4+-)

32.♗e4 ♖f8 33.♕h6+-; 28...♗xa2 29.♕xg5+ ♔h7 30.♖xf6+-) 29.♗e2! ♗f7 30.♖xf6+ ♗g6 31.♕f5 ♕e8 32.♖e6+-

28...♔h8 29.♕xf6+

29.♖xf6 ♕d4+ 30.♔f1 ♗c4+ 31.♔e1 ♕e4+ 32.♔f2 ♕xc2+∞

29...♕xf6 30.♖xf6 ♖g8+ 31.♔f1

31.♖g6 ♗xa2=

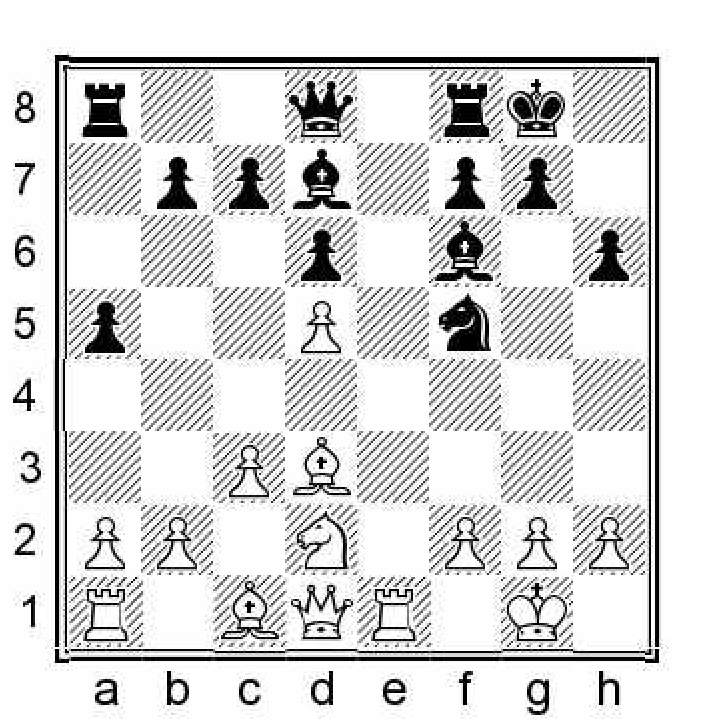
31...♗xa2 1/2-1/2

123. * C67
Moussard, Jules (2630) - Martirosyan, Haik M (2633)
Terme Catez 152/123, 2022

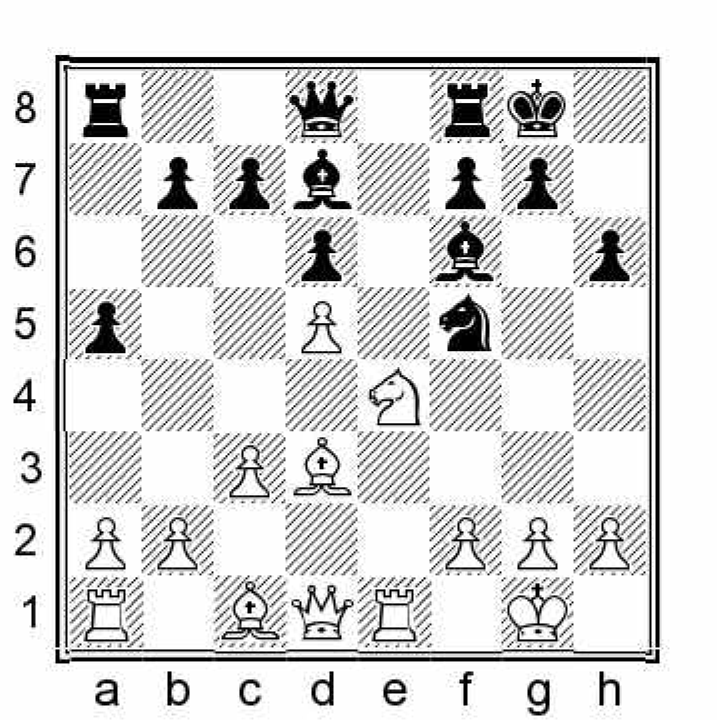
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♗f6 10.♖e1 ♘f5 11.d5 d6 12.♘d2 h6!?

12...c6 - 139/126

13.c3 ♗d7 14.♗d3 a5



15.♘e4N



15.♕c2

15...♗e5N

15...♖e8 - 152/(123) 16.♗d2 ♘h4 17.♕c2 a4 18.♖ac1 ♗e5 19.f4 ♗f6 20.♗e3 g6 21.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 22.♕f2 ♘f5 23.♗d2 h5 24.h3 ♔f8 25.♗e4 ♕h4 26.c4 ♕xf2+ 27.♔xf2 c5 28.dxc6 ♗xc6 29.♗c2 h4 30.♗c3 ♖e6 31.♗xf5 gxf5 32.♖xe6 fxe6 33.♗f6 ♗e4 34.♗xh4 ♔f7 35.a3 ♖c8 36.♖c3 ♖c6 37.♗d8 ♔g6 38.g3 e5 39.♗a5 ♔h5 40.♗b4 exf4 41.gxf4 1/2 (41) Coles,J-Esquivel Leon,J corr 152/(123) 2021

15...♗e7 16.♗c2 ♖e8 17.♕d3 g6 18.♗d2 ♗f8 19.c4 ♗g7 20.♗c3±

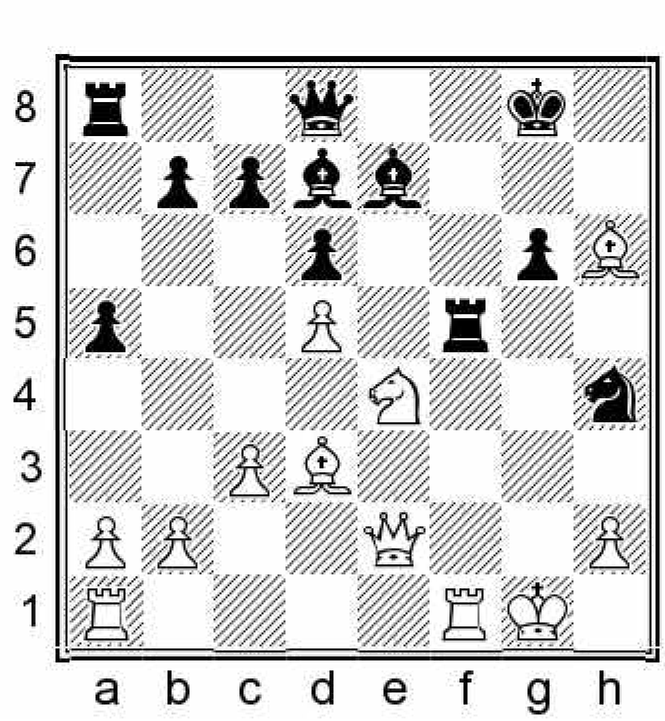
16.f4 ♗f6 17.g4 ♘h4 18.g5 hxg5 19.fxg5 ♗e5 20.♖f1

20.♕h5 ♘f5 21.♕f3 ♘h4=

20...f5 21.gxf6 ♗xf6 22.♕h5 g6 23.♕e2 ♗e7?!

23...♗f5 24.♗d2 c6 25.♖ae1 cxd5 26.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 27.♗h6 ♖f7∞

24.♗h6 ♖f5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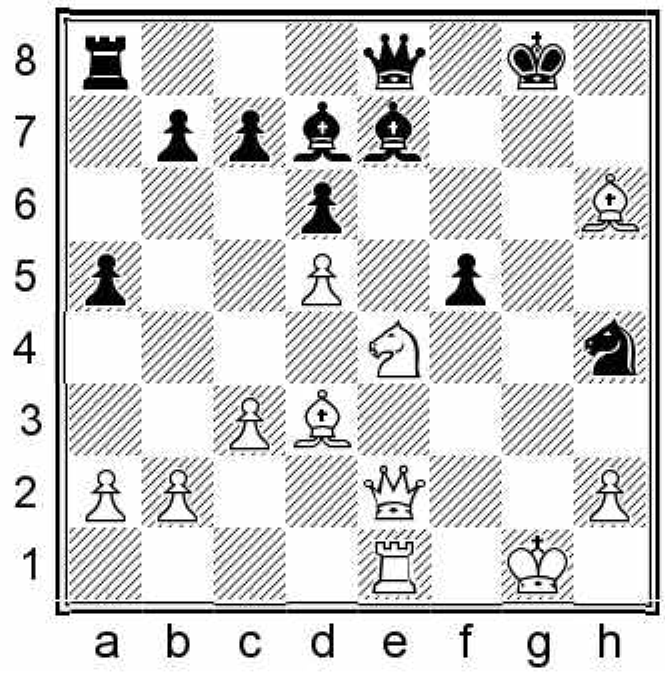
25.♘g3?!

25.♖ae1! ♕e8 (25...♖h5? 26.♘g3! ♖xh6 27.♕xe7 ♖h7 28.♕e3±; 25...♖xf1+ 26.♖xf1 ♘f5 27.♕g2 ♔h7 28.♗g5±) 26.♖xf5 ♘xf5 (26...♗xf5?? 27.♘f6++-; 26...gxf5??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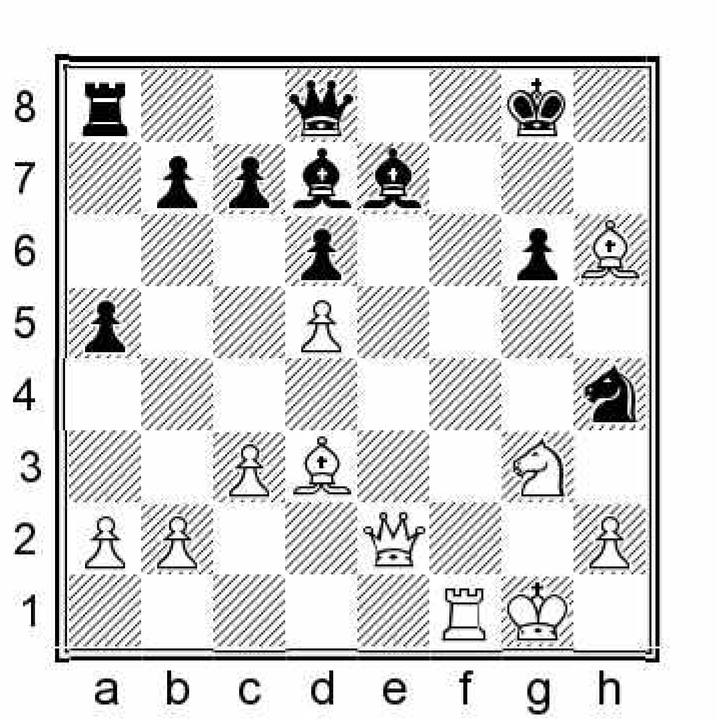
a b c d e f g h

27.♔h1!! fxe4 28.♕xe4 ♗f5 29.♖g1+ ♔h7 30.♕e6! ♗g6 31.♗e3 ♗g5 (31...♗f8 32.♕g4 ♕xe3 33.♗xg6+ ♔h8 34.♗e4+-) 32.♗xg6+ ♕xg6 33.♖xg5 ♕xe6 34.dxe6+-) 27.♘g5! ♗f6 28.♕d2 ♗e5 29.♘f3±

25...♖xf1+ 26.♖xf1



26...♗g5!

26...♗h3? 27.♗xg6!! ♗xf1 (27...♘xg6 28.♕h5 ♕e8 29.♕xh3+-) 28.♕h5+-; 26...♗f6? 27.♕f2+-

27.♖f8+ ♕xf8 28.♗xf8 ♖xf8 29.♗e4

29.♘e4 ♗f4 30.♗b5 ♗c8 31.♔h1 ♔g7=

29...♗h3 30.♕d3 b6 31.a4 1/2-1/2

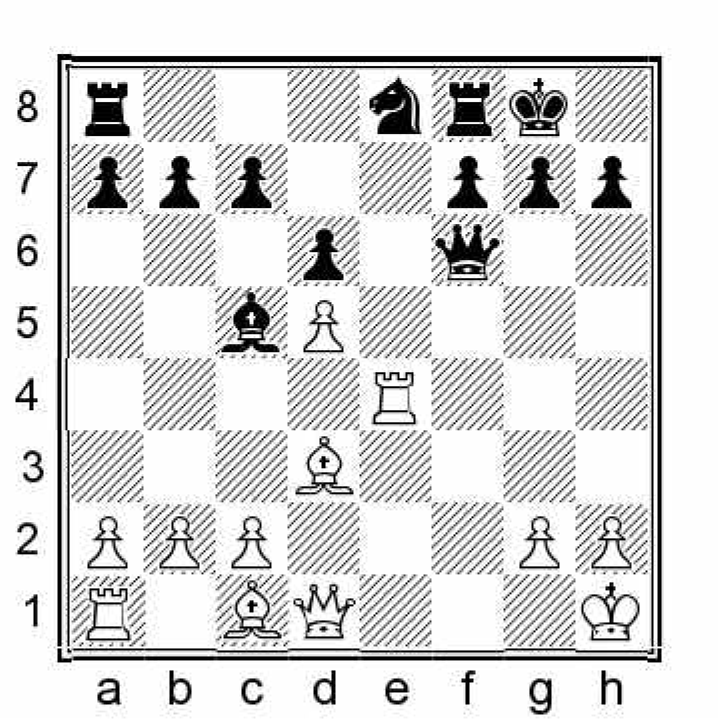
124. C67
So, Wesley (2778) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2750)
Berlin (m/4-playoff-rapid) 152/124, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♘e8 10.d5 ♗c5 11.♖e1 d6 12.♘c3 ♗f5

12...f5 13.h3 ♕h4 14.♗e3 ♗xe3 15.♖xe3 ♘f6 16.♘b5 ♖f7 17.♖c3 ♘e4 18.♕d4 ♕d8 19.♖a3±

13.♗d3 ♗xd3

13...♕f6 14.♘e4!? ♗xe4 15.♖xe4 ♕xf2+ (15...g6 16.♕e1 ♕h8 (16...♕g7?! 17.♖h4 ♕e5 18.♕xe5 dxe5 19.♗h6 ♘g7 20.♖e1±) 17.♖h4 ♘f6) 16.♔h1 ♕f6

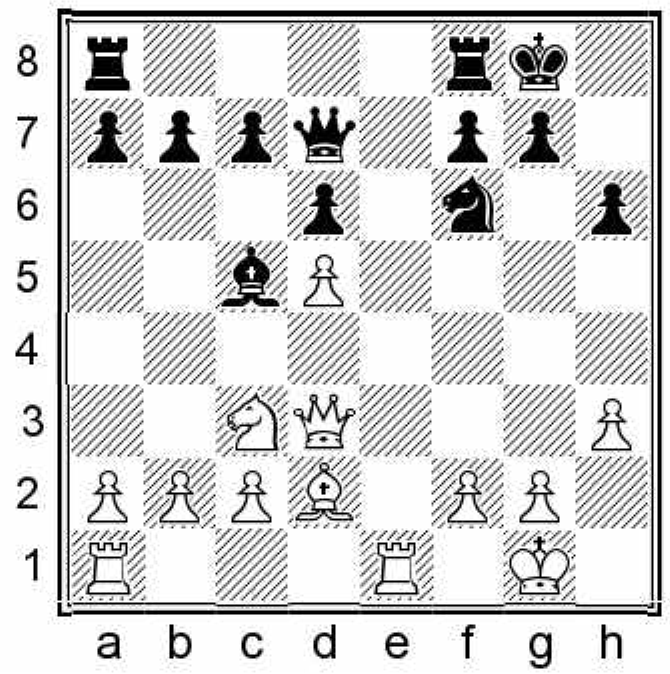


17.c3! (17.♖f4 ♕e5 18.♗d2 g6 (18...♕xb2 19.c3) 19.♕f3 ♘g7 20.♗c3 ♕e3 21.♕g4 f5 22.♕h4 ♘h5 23.♖f3 ♕h6 24.♖e1 ♖ae8 25.♖xe8 ♖xe8 26.g4 fxg4 27.♕xg4 ♘g7 28.♕d7 ♖f8) 17...g6 18.a4!? a6 19.♗h6 ♘g7 20.♕e2 ♕d8 21.♖f1 ♖e8 22.♕f3 ♕d7 23.♖h4↑

14.♕xd3 ♘f6 15.h3

15.♘a4 - 118/97

15...h6 16.♗d2 ♕d7



17.♕f3?!N

17.♘e2 ♖fe8 18.♘g3; 17.♘e4

17...♗d4 18.♖ad1 ♖ae8 19.♖xe8 ♘xe8 20.♕d3 ♗b6?!

20...♗e5

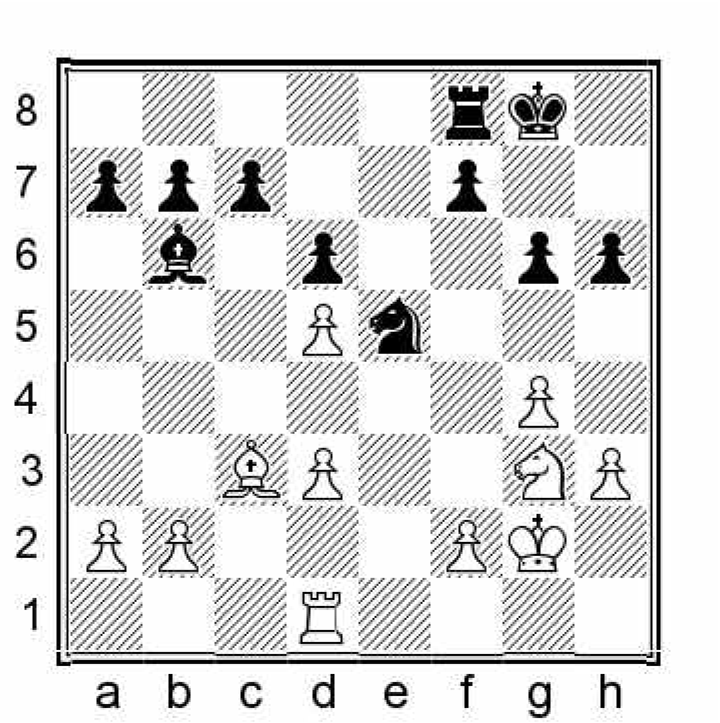
21.♖e1?!

21.♘e2 ♘f6 22.♗c3 ♕d8 23.a4 a6 24.a5 ♗a7 25.♘g3±

21...♘f6 22.♘e4 ♕f5 23.g4 ♕g6 24.♗c3 ♘d7 25.♘g3 ♕xd3 26.cxd3 g6?!

26...♘e5

27.♔g2 ♘e5 28.♖d1



28...♖e8?!

28...♘d7=

29.♘e4 ♔f8?!

29...♘d7!?

30.♘f6 ♖e7 31.a4 a5 32.h4 c6? 33.♗xe5 dxe5 34.d6+- ♖e6 35.♘d7+ ♔g7 36.♘xb6 ♖xd6 37.♘c4 ♖d4 38.f3 ♔f6 39.b3 b5 40.axb5 cxb5 41.♘xa5 h5 42.gxh5 gxh5 43.♔g3 ♖d6 44.b4 ♔f5 45.♘b3 ♖g6+ 46.♔f2 ♖a6 47.♘a5 ♖d6 48.♔e3 ♖d4 49.♘c6 ♖xh4 50.d4 exd4+ 51.♖xd4 ♖h1 52.♖d5+ ♔g6 53.♖xb5 h4 54.♘e5+ ♔g7 55.♔f4 ♖g1 56.♘g4 h3 57.♖g5+ ♔f8 58.♖h5 ♔g7 59.b5 ♖b1 60.♖g5+ ♔h7 61.♘f6+ ♔h6 62.♘g4+ ♔h7 63.♔g3 ♖b3 64.♖f5 ♔g6 65.♖f6+ ♔g5 1-0

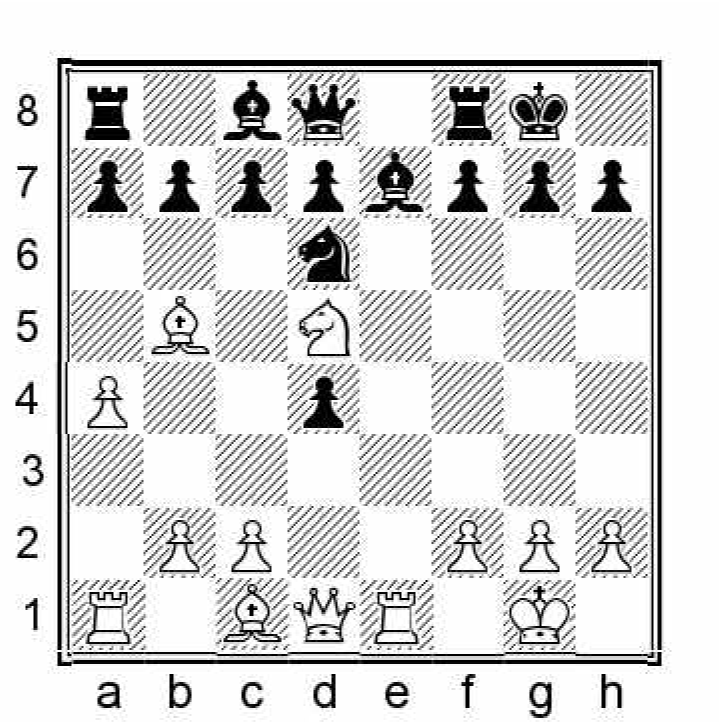
125. C67
Grandelius, Nils (2672) - Howell, David (2646)
Sverige - England (m/1) 152/125, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.a4!? ♗e7 7.♘c3 O-O 8.d4 ♘xd4

8...e4 - 141/(112)

8...exd4 9.♘d5 ♖e8 10.♗f4 b6 11.♘xd4 ♘xd4 12.♕xd4⩱

9.♘xd4 exd4 10.♘d5



10...♖e8?

10...♗f6? 11.♗d3 ♖e8 (11...b6 12.♕g4+-) 12.♗f4 ♖xe1+ (12...♖e6 13.♗xd6 cxd6 14.a5+-) 13.♕xe1+-; 10...♗h4! 11.♗d3 (11.♗f4 ♘xb5 12.axb5 d6 13.♕xd4 ♗e6∞) 11...b6 12.♕g4 f5 (12...♗b7? 13.♗h6 ♗f6 14.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 15.♗g5+-) 13.♕xd4 ♗b7 14.♗f4 ♘e4 15.♗xe4 (15.g3 ♘g5! 16.♗xg5 ♗xg5 17.♖ad1⩱) 15...fxe4 16.♖xe4 ♖f5 17.c4∞

11.♕g4N

11.♗f4

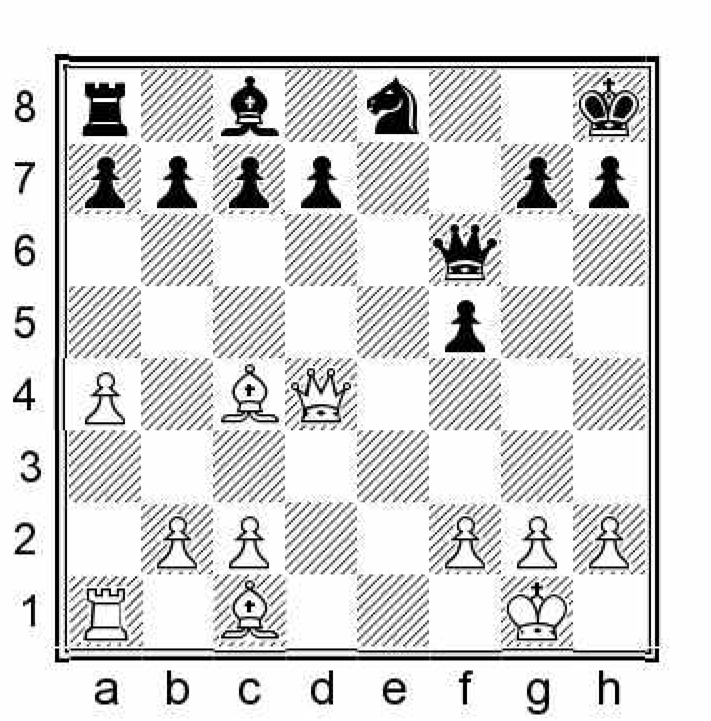
11...f5?

11...c6 12.♗h6 g6 13.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 14.♗d3 ♘e8 15.♕xd4 d6 16.h4±

12.♕xd4 ♗f6

12...♘xb5 13.♕c4! ♘d6 (13...♔f8 14.axb5+-) 14.♘xe7+ ♔h8 15.♕h4 ♘f7 (15...♘e4 16.♖xe4 fxe4 17.♘g6+ ♔g8 18.♗g5+-) 16.♖a3+-

13.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 14.♗c4+ ♔h8 15.♖xe8+ ♘xe8



16.♕e3?!

16.♗e3! ♕xd4 (16...d6 17.♖e1 ♗d7 (17...♕xd4 18.♗xd4 ♗d7 19.♖e7 ♖d8 20.h4+-) 18.♕d5+-; 16...♕f8 17.♖e1 ♘f6 18.♗g5 ♘e4 19.♗h4+-) 17.♗xd4 b6 18.♖e1 ♗b7 19.♖e7 c5 20.♗e5+-

16...♕f8 17.b3 ♘f6 18.♗b2 d5 19.♗d3 c5?!

19...♗d7 20.c4 dxc4 21.♗xc4±

20.♗xf6 gxf6 21.♕f3?!

21.♖e1 ♗d7 22.♕f4 ♖e8 (22...c4 23.bxc4 dxc4 24.♕xc4+-) 23.♖xe8 ♕xe8 24.♕d6+-

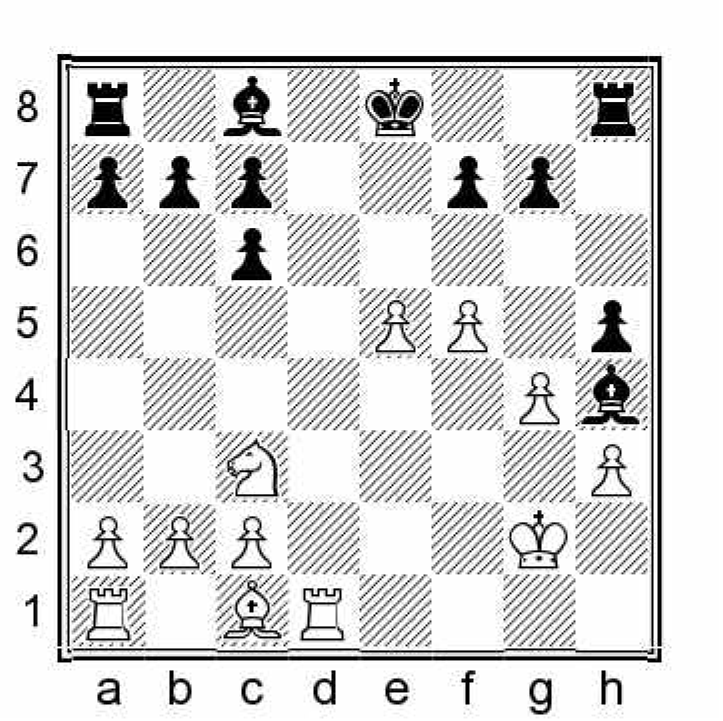
21...♗e6 22.♗xf5 ♗g8 23.♖e1

23.h4 ♖e8 24.a5±

23...♖e8 24.♖xe8 ♕xe8 25.h4 ♕e1+ 26.♔h2 ♕e5+ 27.g3 d4 28.♗d3 ♗d5 29.♕g4 ♗e6 30.♕f3 ♗d5 31.♕g4 ♗e6 32.♕f3 ♗d5 1/2-1/2

126. C67
Shirov, Alexei (2693) - Navara, David (2693)
Malmoe 152/126, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.d4 ♘d6 6.♗xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♘f5 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.h3 ♗e7 10.♘c3 ♘h4 11.♘xh4 ♗xh4 12.f4 ♗f5 13.♖d1+ ♔e8 14.g4 ♗c8 15.♔g2 h5 16.f5



16...g6N

16...♗e7? - 150/119

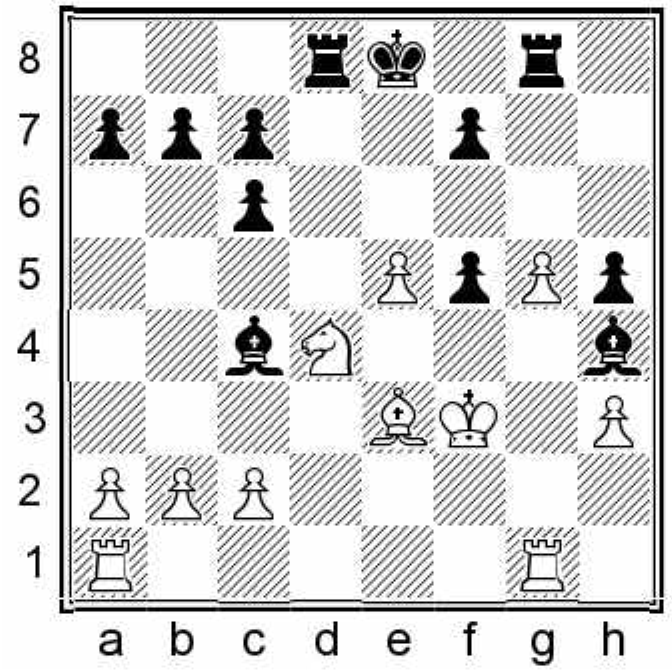
17.♔f3 gxf5

17...hxg4+! 18.hxg4 gxf5 19.♖h1 (19.g5?! b6 20.♗f4 ♗b7 21.♖d2 ♔e7 22.♖h2 ♔e6∓) 19...♗f6 (19...fxg4+ 20.♔g2 f6 21.♗e3 ♔f7 22.♗f2 g3 23.♗xg3 ♗xg3 24.♖xh8 ♗xe5 25.♖d1±) 20.♖xh8+ ♗xh8 21.♗g5 fxg4+ 22.♔f4 ♗e6 23.♘e4 b6∞

18.g5 ♖g8 19.♗e3 ♗e6 20.♖g1 ♖d8 21.♘e2?!

21.♖ad1 ♖xd1 22.♘xd1 b6 23.♘c3 c5 24.b3=

21...♗c4 22.♘d4

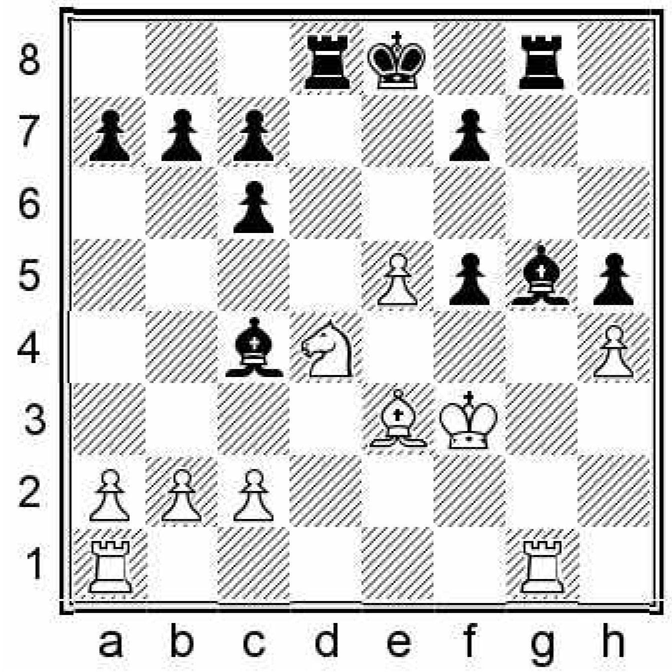


22.♘c3 ♔e7 23.♖ad1 ♖xd1 24.♘xd1 ♔e6 25.b3 ♗a6 26.c4 b6∓

22...♗xg5! 23.h4?

23.♖xg5 ♖xg5 24.♘xc6 ♗d5+ 25.♔f4 ♗xc6 26.♔xg5 ♔e7∓; 23.♘xf5 ♗d5+ 24.♔e2 f6 25.h4 ♗xe3 26.♔xe3 fxe5 27.♖xg8+ ♗xg8 28.♖g1 ♗f7∓

23...♗d5+ 24.♔e2 ♗c4+ 25.♔f3



25...f4! 26.♗f2

26.♖xg5 ♖xg5 27.hxg5 fxe3 28.♔xe3 c5 29.♘f5 ♗e6 30.♘g7+ ♔e7 31.♘xh5 ♖d5∓; 26.♗xf4 ♖xd4

27.♗xg5 ♗d5+ 28.♔f2 ♔d7∓

26...c5 27.hxg5 cxd4 28.♔xf4 ♗e2! 29.♖ae1 ♗g4 30.b4 ♖g6 31.♖e4

31.♔e4 ♖c6 32.♗xd4 ♖xc2-+

31...♖c6 32.♗xd4 ♖xc2-+ 33.a4 b6 34.a5 ♔d7 35.♗e3 ♔e6 36.♖c1 ♖xc1 37.♗xc1 ♖d3 38.♖e3 ♖d4+ 39.♖e4 ♖d3 40.♖e3 ♖d4+ 41.♖e4 ♔d5 42.♖xd4+ ♔xd4 43.♗d2 bxa5 44.bxa5 a6 45.♗e3+ ♔d5 0-1

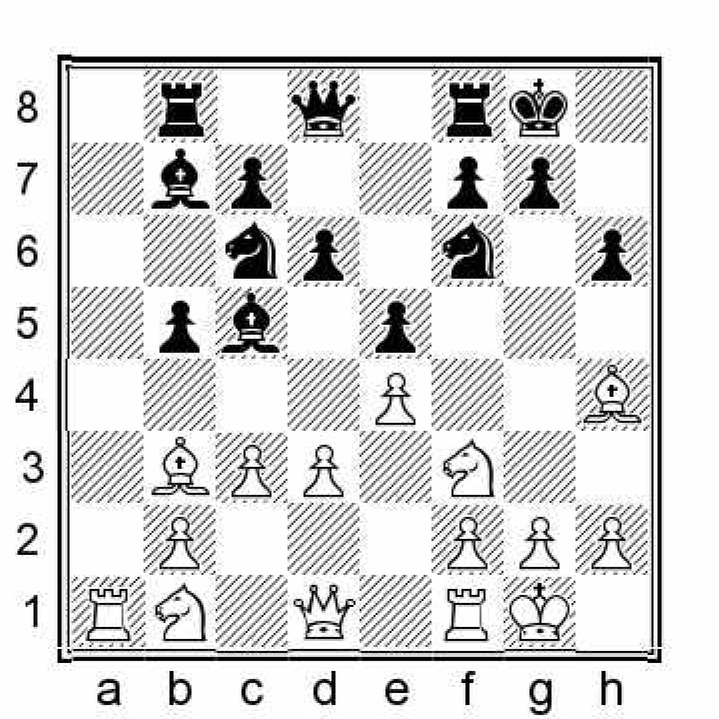
C75-C99

127. C78
Carlsen, Magnus (2864) - Ju, Wenjun (2560)
chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/127, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗c5 6.c3 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.a4 ♗b7 9.d3 O-O 10.♗g5 h6 11.♗h4 ♖b8

11...♕e7 - 116/117

12.axb5 axb5



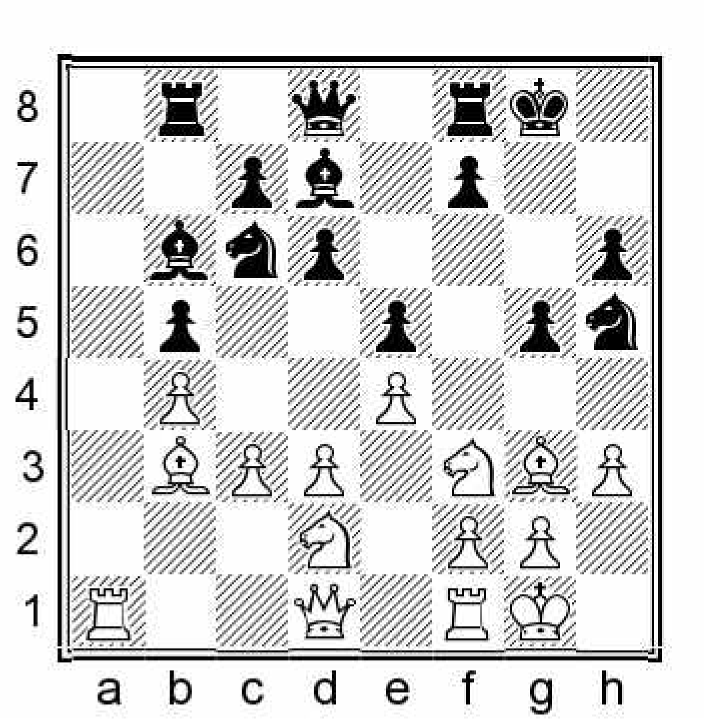
13.♘bd2N

13.♖e1

13...♗c8 14.h3 ♗e6 15.♗d5 ♗d7 16.b4 ♗b6 17.♗b3 g5 18.♗g3

18.♘xg5!? hxg5 19.♗xg5 ♔g7 20.♔h1 ♕e7 21.d4 (21.f4? ♗e3!∓) 21...♖h8! 22.f4 ♗xh3! 23.fxe5 ♗g4+ 24.♔g1 ♘xe5 25.♕e1 ♘ed7 26.♕e3⩱

18...♘h5



18...♕e7 19.♖e1 ♗e6 20.♘f1±

19.♘xe5! ♘xg3 20.♘xd7 ♕xd7 21.♖e1 d5

21...g4 22.d4! (22.♕xg4+ ♕xg4 23.hxg4 ♖a8 24.♖ab1 ♘e5 25.d4 ♘xg4 26.fxg3 c5=; 22.hxg4 ♘e5 23.d4 ♕xg4 24.♕xg4+ ♘xg4 25.fxg3 c5=) 22...♘h5 23.♘f1 ♘f6 24.♘g3 ♘e7 25.♕d2 ♔h7 26.♗c2

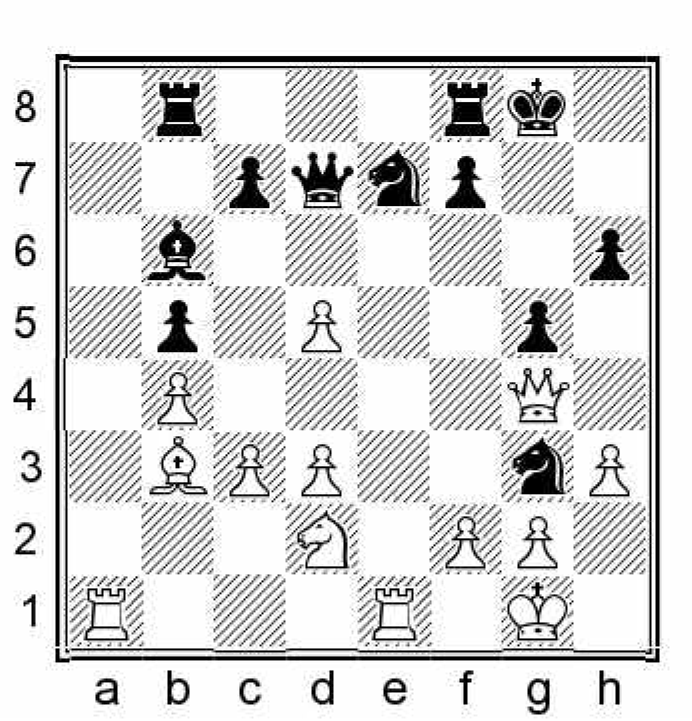
22.exd5

22.♕f3 dxe4 23.♕xg3 e3!? (23...♕xd3 24.♘xe4 ♕xg3 25.♘xg3±) 24.♖xe3 ♗xe3 25.♕xe3⩱

22...♘e7

22...♘xb4!? 23.cxb4 ♕f5 24.♘f3 ♕f6 25.d4 ♘f5∞

23.♕g4



23...♘gf5??

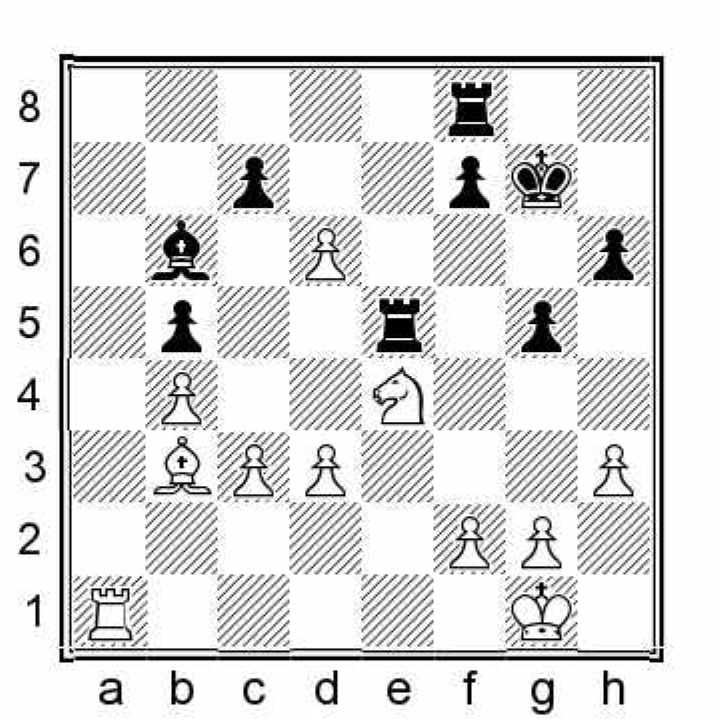
23...♕d6 24.♖xe7 (24.d4 ♘gf5 25.♖e5 ♘xd4 26.cxd4 ♗xd4 27.♕xd4 ♘c6 28.♖xg5+ hxg5 29.♕g4 ♕e5 30.♖a6 ♘d4 31.♘e4 ♖a8 32.♘f6+ ♔g7 33.♘h5+ ♔g8 34.♘f6+=) 24...♕xe7 25.♕xg3 ♕e2 26.♘e4 ♕b2 27.♖e1 ♕xb3 28.♕e5 ♕c2! 29.d4 f6 30.♕f5 ♔g7 31.h4 ♖be8 32.h5 ♖e7 33.♕g6+ ♔h8 34.♕xh6+ ♔g8 35.♕g6+ ♔h8=

24.♖xe7! ♕xe7 25.♕xf5+- ♔g7 26.♘e4 ♖be8 27.d6! ♕e5

27...cxd6 28.♖a6 ♗a7 29.♗d5

28.g4

28.♕xe5+ ♖xe5



29.♘g3! cxd6 30.d4 ♖ee8 31.♘f5+ ♔f6 32.♘xd6

28...cxd6 29.♖a6 ♗c7

⌓29...♕xf5 30.gxf5 ♖b8 31.♗d5±

30.♖a7 d5 31.♗xd5 ♕xf5 32.gxf5 ♗f4 33.♘c5 ♖e1+ 34.♔g2 ♔g8 35.♘d7 ♖e7 36.♘f6+ ♔g7 37.♘h5+ 1-0

128. * !N C80
Salinas Herrera, Pablo Patricio (2534) - Sarkar, Justin (2325)
San Salvador 152/128, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.♖e1

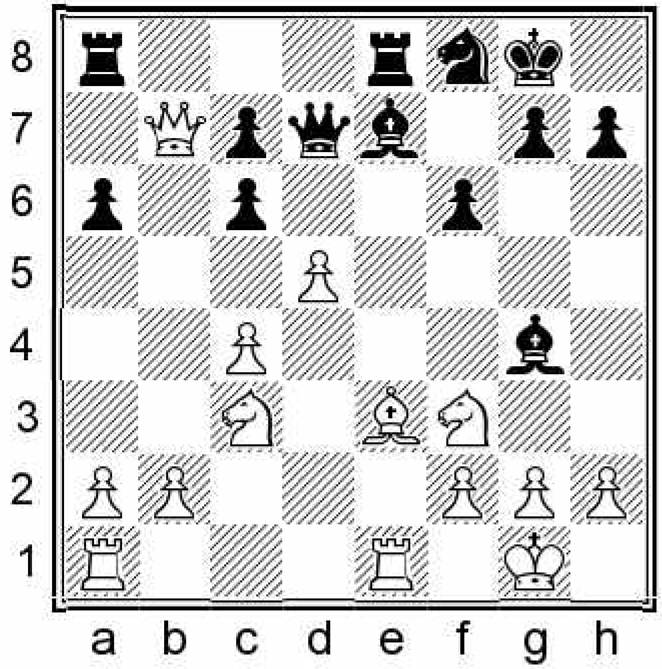
6.d4 - 151/131

6...♘c5 7.♗xc6 dxc6 8.♘xe5 ♗e7 9.d4 ♘e6 10.♗e3 O-O 11.c4 ♖e8

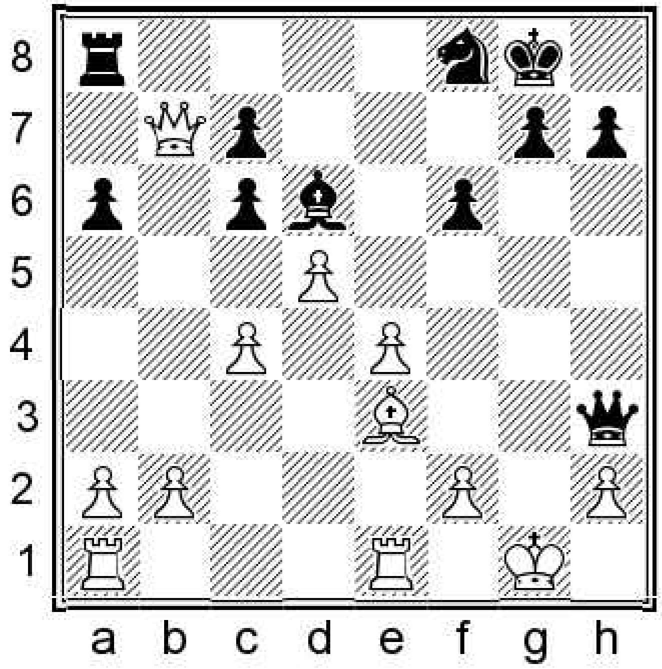
11...f6 12.♘f3 f5

12.♘c3 f6 13.♘f3 ♗d6?!

13...♘f8! 14.♕b3 ♗g4! 15.♕xb7 ♕d7 16.d5



16...♗d6N (16...♗xf3! 17.gxf3 ♗d6! 18.♘e4 (18.c5? ♗e5) 18...♗e5! (18...♖xe4? 19.fxe4 ♕h3

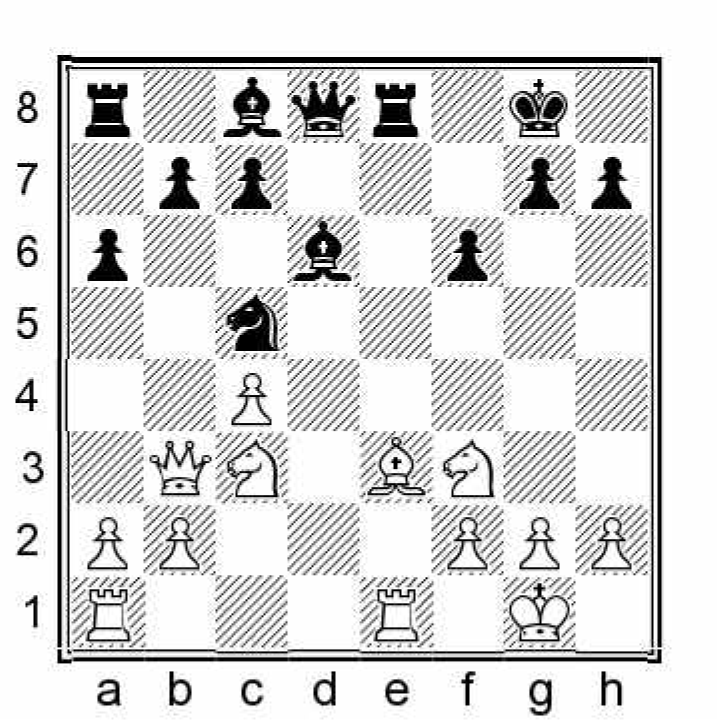


20.e5! (20.f4 ♕g4+ 21.♔f2 ♖e8!∞) 20...♗xe5 21.f4 ♕g4+ 22.♔f2+-) 19.♕xc6 ♕h3 20.♘g3 (20.f4 ♘g6!) 20...♘g6 21.d6 ♘h4 22.f4 ♗xd6=) 17.♘d2! cxd5 18.♕xd5+ ♗e6 19.♕a5± Tomczak,J (2584)-Kollars,D (2635) Deutschland 152/(128) 2022

14.♕b3 c5?!

14...♕d7!

15.dxc5 ♘xc5



16.♗xc5!N

16.♕c2

16...♖xe1+ 17.♖xe1 ♗xc5 18.♘e4 ♗e7 19.c5+ ♔f8 20.h3

20.♕e3 a5!; 20.♘g3!?↑ a5 (20...♗xc5? 21.♕c2+-)

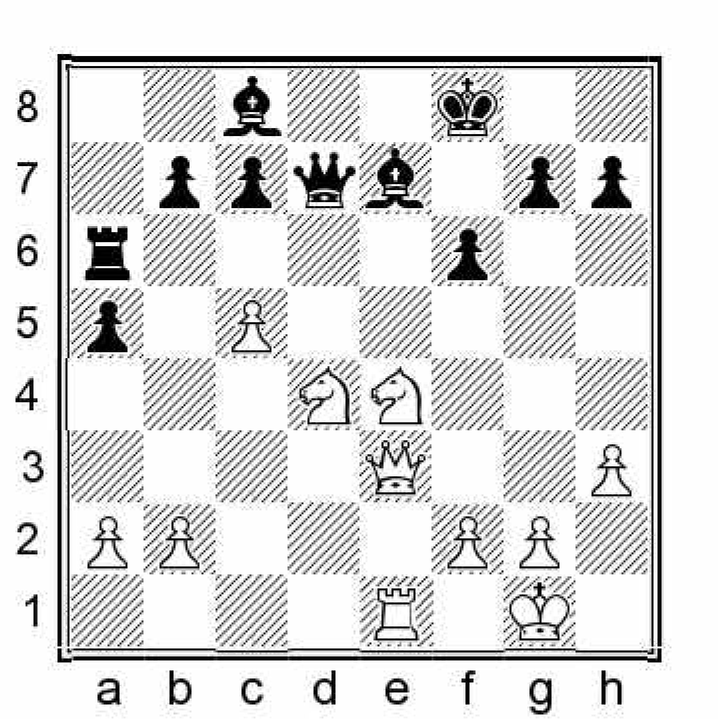
20...♕d7?

20...a5!

21.♕e3

21.♘g3!? a5 22.♕c4 ♖a6 23.♘d4+-

21...a5 22.♘d4 ♖a6



23.g4! h5

⌓23...♕d8

24.c6!?

24.gxh5 ♕xh3 25.♘g3+-

24...bxc6 25.♘f5 hxg4 26.hxg4

26.♘c5! ♗xc5 27.♕xc5+ ♔g8 28.♘e7++-

26...♕e6

26...♕d8 27.♘h4+-

27.♕h3 ♗b4 28.♖d1 ♔g8

28...♕xe4 29.♖d8+ ♔f7 30.♕h5++-

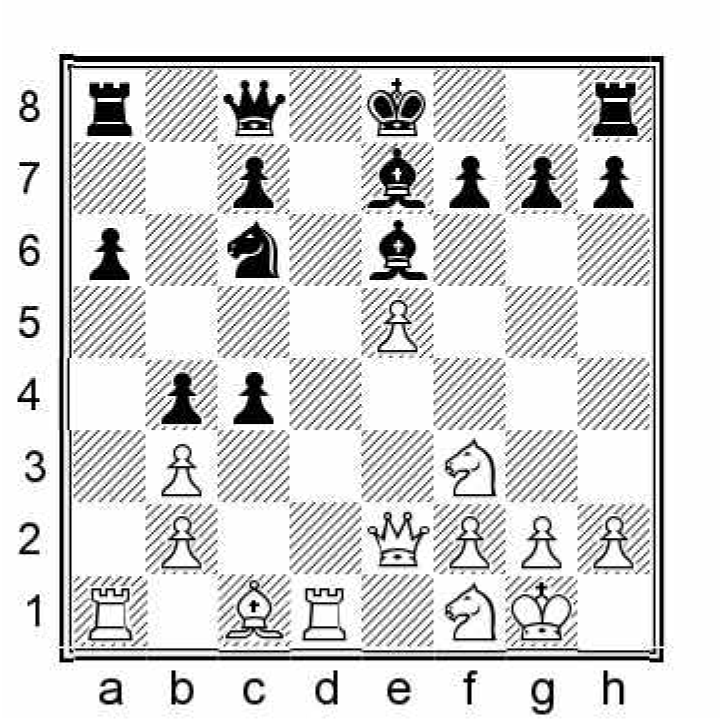
29.♖d8+ ♗f8 30.♕a3! c5 31.♕xc5 ♖d6 32.♘exd6 cxd6 33.♕xc8 ♕e1+ 34.♔g2 ♕e4+ 35.♔g3 1-0

129. !N C81
Volokitin, Andrei (2687) - Huschenbeth, Niclas (2611)
Deutschland 152/129, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♕e2 ♘c5 10.♖d1 ♘xb3 11.axb3 ♗e7 12.c4 b4 13.♘bd2 ♕c8?

13...O-O 14.♘f1 ♕d7 15.cxd5 (15.h3 - 148/124; 15.♗g5 ♖fd8 16.♘e3 d4 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♘c2 ♗g4=) 15...♗xd5 16.♘e3 ♗xf3 17.♕xf3 ♕e6=

14.♘f1 dxc4



15.♕e4!N

15.bxc4 a5! 16.♕e4 (16.♘e3 O-O 17.♘d5 ♖e8∞) 16...♖a6 17.♗g5 ♗xg5 18.♘xg5 ♗f5 19.♕f4 O-O 20.♘e3 ♗g6∞

15...♕b7

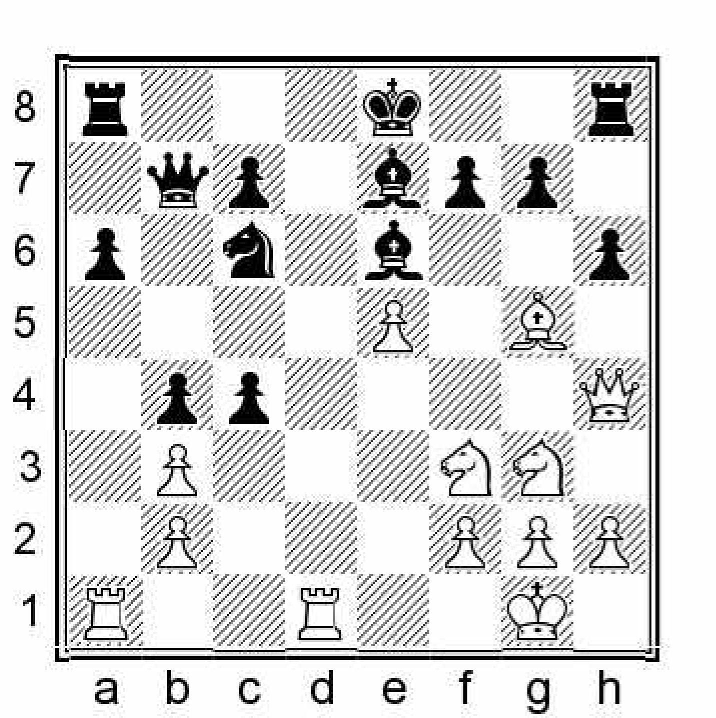
⌓15...♗d7 16.♘g5! ♗xg5 (16...h6? 17.e6!+-; 16...♘d8 17.♘g3 h6 18.♘h7!±) 17.♗xg5 O-O (17...cxb3 18.♖xd7! ♕xd7 19.♖d1! ♕e6 20.♖d6 cxd6 21.♕xc6+ ♔f8 22.♕xa8+ ♕e8 23.♕xa6 dxe5 24.♕c4+-) 18.♕d5 ♗e8 19.bxc4±

16.♗g5! ♘a5?

16...♗xg5 17.♘xg5 c3 18.bxc3 bxc3 19.♘g3 c2 20.♕xc2 ♘b4 (20...♗xb3 21.♕f5+-) 21.♕b1+-; 16...♖b8 17.bxc4 O-O 18.♘e3 h6 (18...♗c5 19.♘d5±) 19.♗xe7 ♘xe7 20.♕xb7 ♖xb7 21.♖xa6±

17.♕h4 ♗xg5

17...♘c6 18.♘g3 h6



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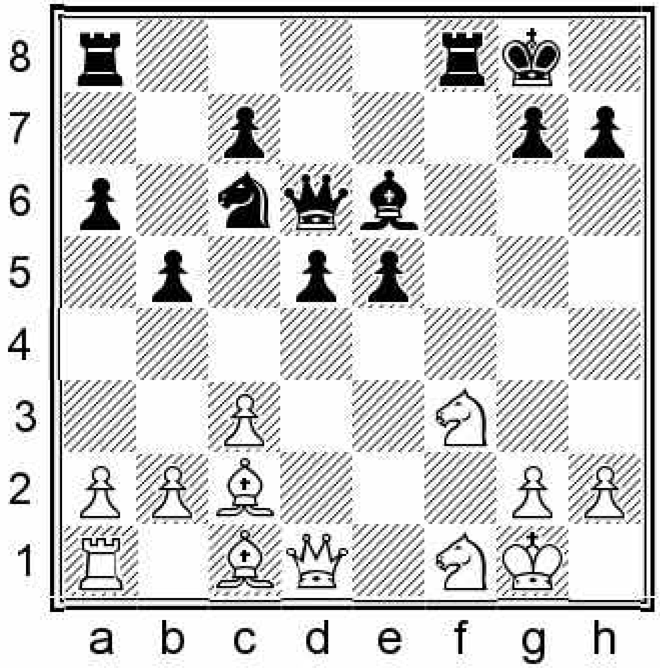
18.♕xg5+- ♘xb3 19.♕xg7 ♖f8 20.♘g5 ♗d5 21.♘xh7 O-O-O 22.♘xf8 ♘xa1 23.♖xa1 ♔b8 24.♘e3 c3 25.e6 fxe6 26.bxc3 b3 27.♖b1 a5 28.♘d7+ ♔c8 29.♘c5 ♕b6 30.♕e7 b2 31.c4 ♗a8 32.♕xe6+ ♕xe6 33.♘xe6 ♖d2 34.♘c5 ♗c6 35.♘b3 a4 36.♘xd2 a3 37.♖xb2 1-0

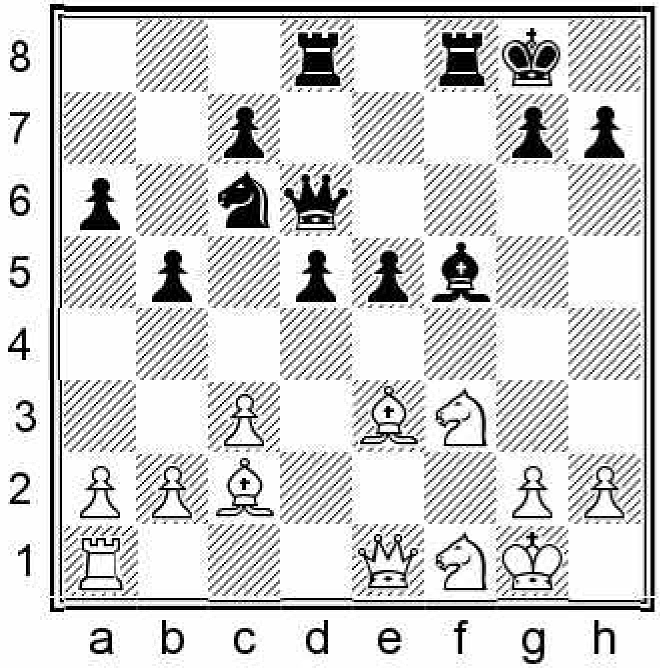
130. * C82**
Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2750) - Caruana, Fabiano (2786)
Bucuresti 152/130, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗c5 10.♘bd2 O-O 11.♗c2 ♘xf2 12.♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 13.♔xf2 f6 14.♘f1 fxe5 15.♔g1 ♕d7

15...♕d6



16.♗e3 - 152/(130) (16.♘g5 - 146/118; 16.♗g5N e4 17.♘d4 ♘e5 18.♘e3 ♗d7 19.♗h4∞ Carlsen,M (2864)-Niemann,H (2642) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/(130) 2022) 16...♖ad8 17.♕e1 ♗f5

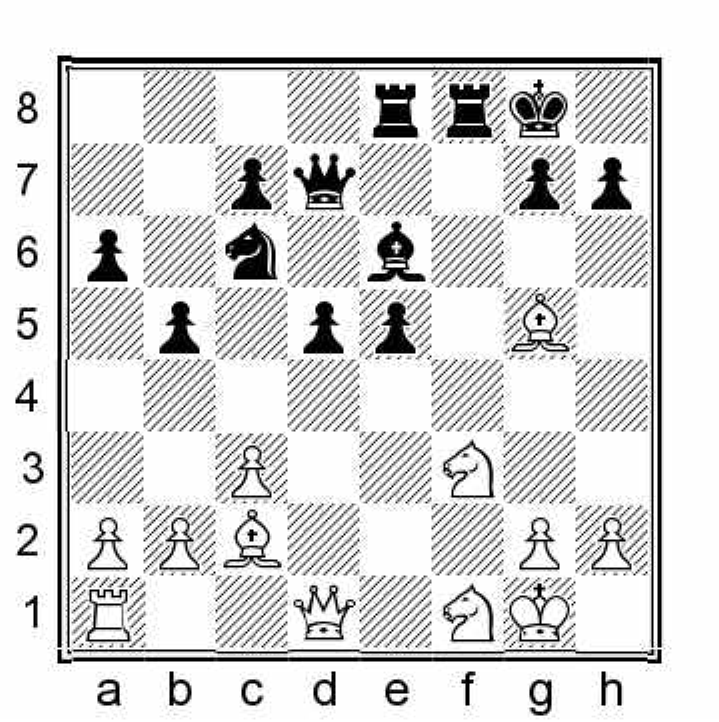


18.♗xf5N (18.♗b3) 18...♖xf5 19.♖d1 h6 20.♗f2 ♖f7∞ Caruana,F (2792)-Van Foreest,J (2702) Wijk aan Zee 152/(130) 2022

16.♗g5

16.♘g5 ♗f5 17.♗b3 ♖ad8 18.♘e3 (18.♗e3 h6 19.♘f3 ♗g4∞) 18...♘e7 19.♘xf5 ♘xf5 20.♘f3 e4 21.♘d4 ♘e7∞

16...♖ae8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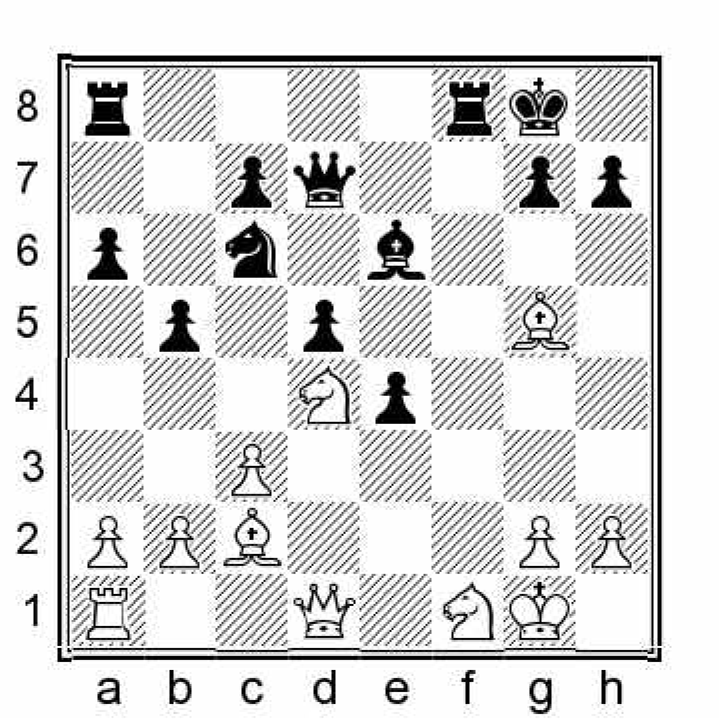
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17...♘xd4N (17...♘e5) 18.cxd4 ♗g4 19.♕d2 ♖f7 20.♘e3 ♖af8 21.♗h4 ♕e6 22.♗b3 c6 23.♖c1 ♕g6 24.♗g3 h5 25.♕e1 ♗d7= Pasti,A (2398) -Kaktkov,M (2149) Terme Catez 152/(130) 2022

17.♕d2N

17.♗h4 e4 18.♘d4 ♗g4 19.♕e1 ♘xd4 20.cxd4 e3 21.♘xe3 ♕e6 22.♘f1 ♗e2 23.♗f2 ♕h6 24.♘g3 ♗d3 25.♕c1 ♕f6 26.♘h1 ♕f5 27.♗xd3 ♕xd3 28.♕xc7 ♖e2 29.♕d7 ♕e4 30.h3 h6 31.♘g3 ♕xg2+=

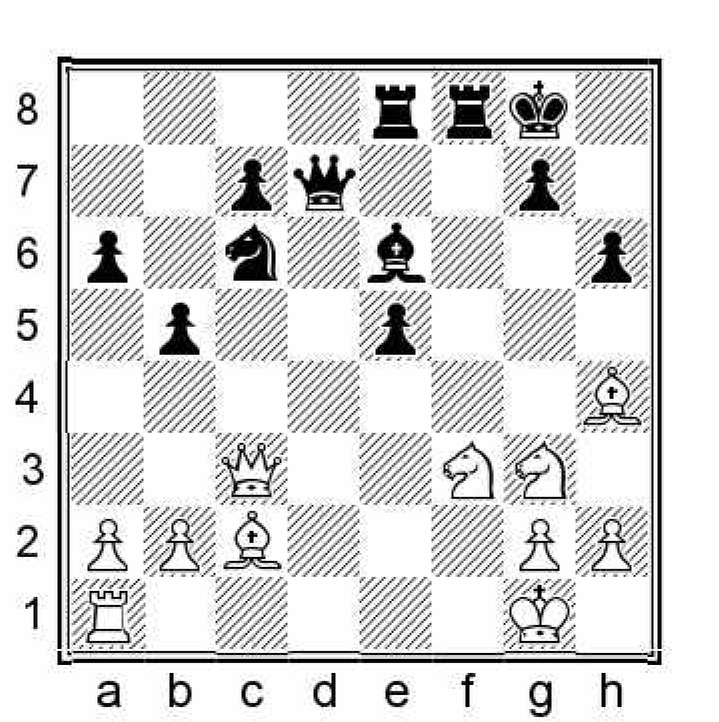
17...d4 18.♘g3?!

18.♖e1 h6 19.♗h4 ♗f5 20.♗xf5 (20.♗b3+ ♗e6 21.♗c2 ♗f5=) 20...♕xf5 21.♗g3∞

18...h6 19.♗h4

19.♗xh6 gxh6 20.♕xh6 ♕g7 21.♕h4 ♗d5! 22.♘g5 e4 23.♘3xe4 ♖f5!∓

19...dxc3 20.♕xc3



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20...b4! 21.♕e3 ♘d4 22.♘xd4 ♕xd4! (22...exd4 23.♕d3 g5 24.♗a4! ♕f7 25.♗xe8 ♖xe8 26.♗xg5 hxg5 27.♕xd4∞) 23.♕xd4 exd4 24.♗a4 c6! 25.♘f1 (25.♗xc6 ♖c8 26.♗b7 ♖c7 27.♗xa6 g5-+) 25...♗d5∓

21.gxf3 ♘d4 22.♗d1 ♖f8

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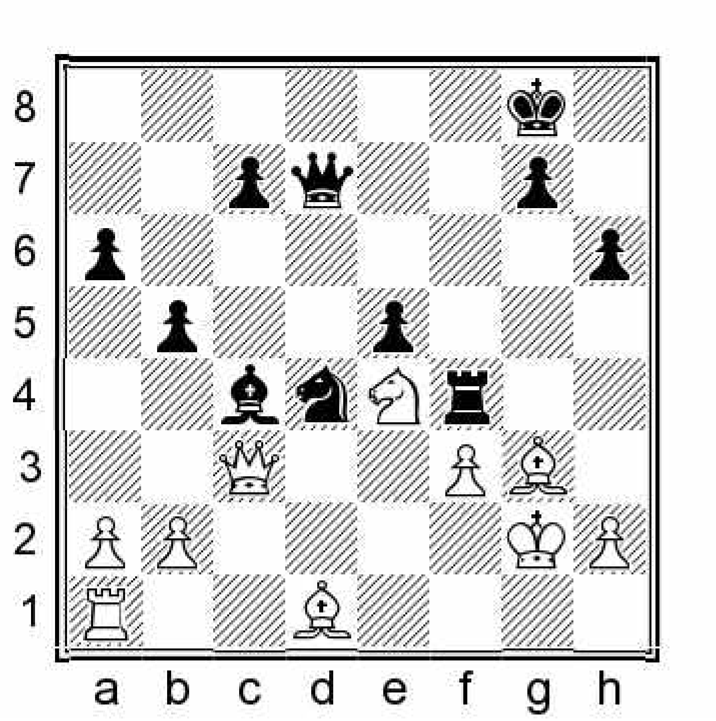
23.♘e4 ♗c4 24.♔g2 ♖f4

24...g5 25.♗g3 g4 26.b3! gxf3+ 27.♔f2 ♕h3 (27...♗d5 28.♗xe5 ♗xe4 29.♕xd4 ♕g4 30.♗g3+-) 28.bxc4 ♕g2+ 29.♔e1+-

25.♗e1!

25.♗g3??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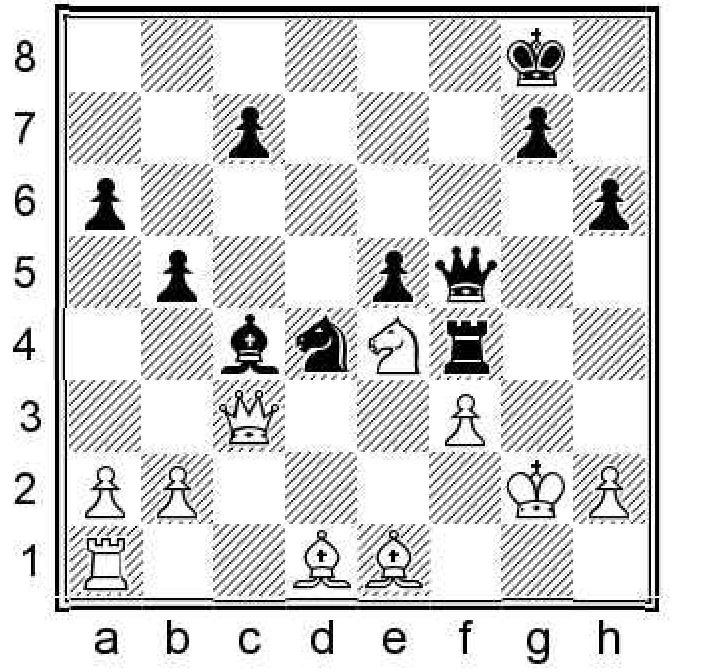
25...♕h3+!! 26.♔f2 (26.♔xh3 ♗f1#) 26...♕f1+ 27.♔e3 ♖xf3+ 28.♗xf3 ♕xf3+ 29.♔d2 ♕e2+ 30.♔c1 ♕xe4-+; 25.♗f2?? ♕h3+ 26.♔xh3 ♗f1+ 27.♔g3 ♘f5#

25...♕f5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26.♘d2!

26.b3? ♘xf3! 27.bxc4 (27.♗xf3? ♗f1+!-+) 27...♘xe1+ 28.♕xe1 ♖xe4 29.♕g3 bxc4=∞; 26.♘g3? ♕e6=∞

26...e4 27.♗g3

27.fxe4 ♖xe4 28.♘xc4 ♕d5 29.♗f3 ♘xf3 30.♕xf3 ♕xc4 31.♔h1+-

27...exf3+ 28.♔f2 ♖g4 29.♘xc4 bxc4 30.♗xf3 ♘xf3 31.♕xf3+- ♕c2+ 32.♕e2 ♕f5+ 33.♔g1 h5 34.♖f1 ♕g6 35.♔h1 h4 36.♗xc7 h3 37.♕f3 ♕d3 38.♗e5 ♖g2 39.♗c3 1-0

131. C83
Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2756) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2776)
Berlin 152/131, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♗e3 ♗e7 10.c3 ♘a5!?

10...O-O - 149/125

11.♘d4 O-O

11...♘xb3?! 12.axb3 ♗d7 13.b4 O-O 14.♘b3±

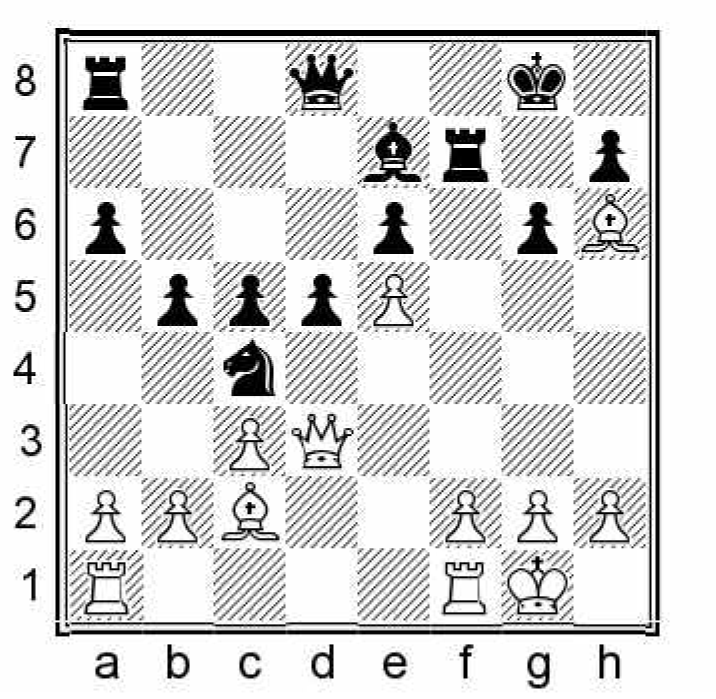
12.♘d2 ♘xd2 13.♕xd2 c5?

13...♘xb3 14.♘xb3±; 13...♘c4 14.♗xc4 dxc4 15.f4 ♗d7! 16.f5 c5 17.f6 cxd4 18.♗xd4 ♖e8! 19.fxe7 ♕xe7∞

14.♘xe6 fxe6 15.♗c2 ♘c4 16.♕d3 g6

16...♖f5? 17.♗c1 g6 (17...♘xe5 18.♕h3+-) 18.b3 ♘xe5 19.♕e2+-

17.♗h6 ♖f7



18.♕h3?N

18.b3! ♘a3 (18...♘xe5? 19.♕g3 ♗f6 (19...♘c6 20.♗xg6+-; 19...♗d6 20.f4+-) 20.♖ae1 ♘d7 21.♖xe6+-; 18...♘b6 19.h4!±) 19.♗d1 ♗f8 (19...♗g5? 20.♗g4! ♗xh6 21.♗xe6 ♖a7 22.♖ad1 ♖e7 23.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 24.♕xd5+-; 19...a5 20.♗g4 ♖a6 21.h4±) 20.♗c1 b4 21.♗g4 ♕e8 22.♕h3 ♖e7 23.♗g5 h5 24.♗e2 ♖b7 25.c4±

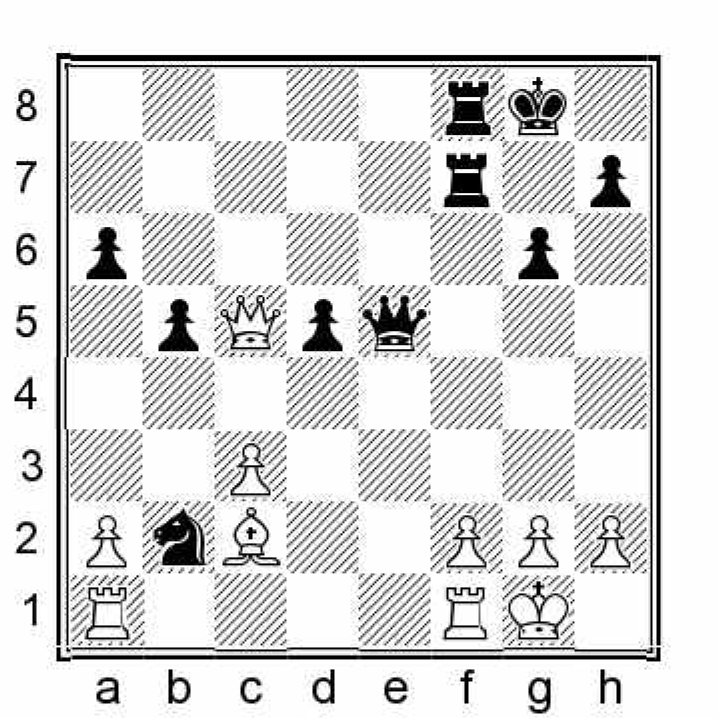
18...♗g5! 19.♗xg5 ♕xg5 20.♕xe6

20.b3 ♘xe5 21.♕xe6 ♘f3+ 22.♔h1 ♘h4∞

20...♕xe5 21.♕c6

21.♕xe5 ♘xe5 22.a4 ♖af8 23.axb5 axb5=

21...♖af8 22.♕xc5 ♘xb2



23.♗b3

23.♖ae1! ♕g5 (23...♕h5 24.h3 ♘c4 25.♗b3±) 24.♖e2 ♘c4 25.♖d1 ♖d8 26.h3 ♔g7 27.♗b3±

23...♘c4 24.♖ae1

24.♖ad1 ♖f5=

24...♖c7!

24...♕xc3 25.♕xd5 ♔g7 26.h4↑

25.♖xe5

25.♕b4 ♕f6=

25...♖xc5 26.♗xc4 ♖xc4 27.♖xd5 ♖xc3= 28.♖d2 ♖fc8 29.g3 ♖c2 30.♖fd1 ♖xd2 31.♖xd2 ♖c4 32.♖d3 ♔f7 33.♔g2 ♔e6 34.♖a3 ♖c6 35.f4 ♔d5 36.♔f3 h5 1/2-1/2

132. * C83
Idani, Pouya (2635) - Sindarov, Javokhir (2609)
Sharjah 152/132, 2022

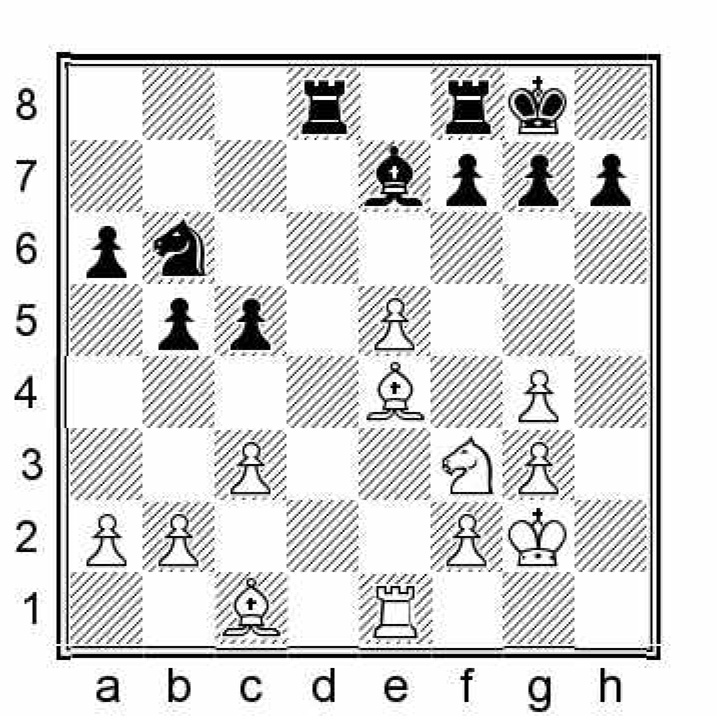
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗e7 10.♗e3 O-O 11.♘bd2 ♗g4 12.h3 ♘xd2 13.hxg4 ♘xf1 14.♔xf1 ♘a5 15.♗xd5 c6 16.♗e4 ♕xd1+ 17.♖xd1 ♘c4 18.♗c1 ♖ad8

18...♖fd8 - 149/(125)

19.♖e1 c5 20.g3 ♘b6

20...h6 21.♔g2 g5 22.b3 ♘b6 23.♗b7 a5 24.♗c6 b4∞

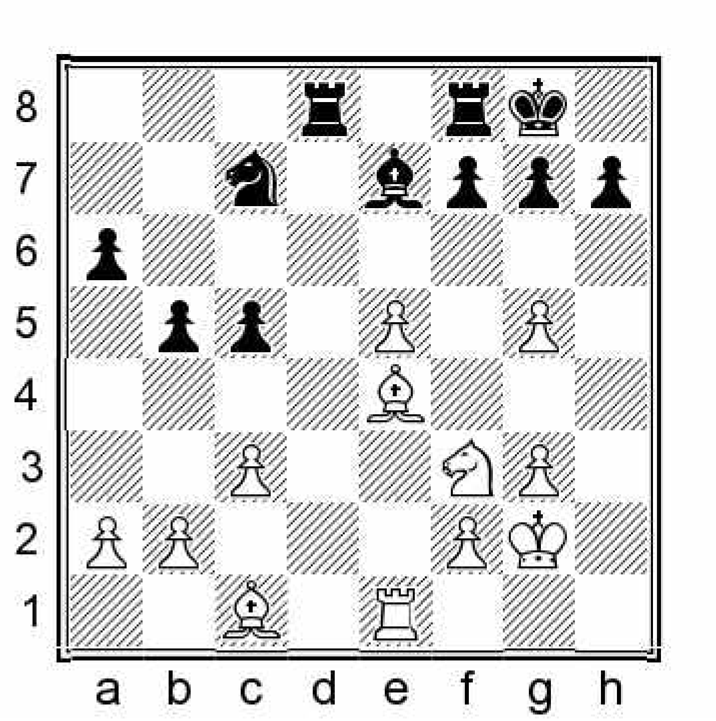
21.♔g2



21...♘d5N

21...♖d7 - 152/(132) 22.♗c2 ♖e8 23.♗f5 ♖dd8 24.♗e4 ♘d5 25.♗d2 c4∞ Harikrishna,P (2719)-Tabatabaei,M (2623) Beograd 152/(132) 2022

22.g5 ♘c7?!



22...a5 23.♖h1 g6 24.♘h2 a4 25.a3 b4⇄

23.♘h4

23.♖h1! g6 24.♘h2 b4 (24...♘e6 25.f4 c4 26.♘g4 ♘c5 27.♔f3! ♘xe4 (27...♘d3 28.♗e3± ♘xb2? 29.♗c5!+-) 28.♔xe4 ♖d3 29.♘h6+ ♔h8 30.g4±) 25.♘g4 bxc3 26.bxc3 ♘b5 27.c4 ♘c3 28.♗f3±

23...♘e6 24.f4

24.♘f5 ♗xg5 25.f4 g6! 26.♘e3 ♘xf4+! 27.gxf4 ♗xf4∞

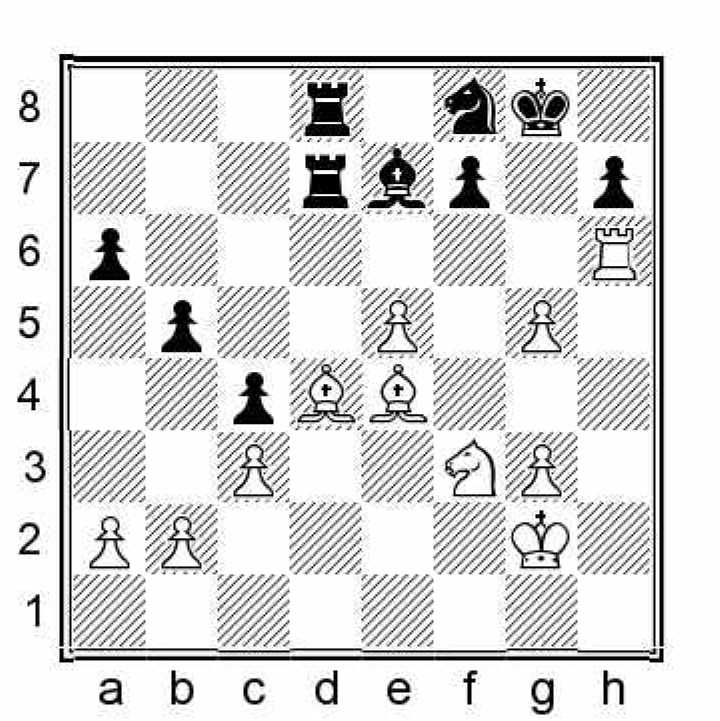
24...g6 25.♘f3 c4 26.f5 gxf5 27.♗xf5 ♖fe8 28.♖h1 ♘f8 29.♗e3 ♖d5?!

29...b4 30.♖h4 bxc3 31.bxc3 ♖b8 32.♖xc4 ♖b2+ 33.♔h3 ♖xa2 34.♘h2 ♖e2 35.♗f4 ♘g6 36.♘g4∞

30.♗e4 ♖d7 31.♗d4?!

31.♖h6 b4 32.♖xa6 bxc3 33.bxc3 ♘e6 34.♘d4± (34.♗c6?! ♖d3! 35.♗xe8 ♖xe3=)

31...♖ed8 32.♖h6



32...♘e6?!

32...a5! 33.♗c6 (33.♗f5 ♖b7 34.♖a6 b4 35.♖xa5 bxc3 36.bxc3 ♘e6∞) 33...♘e6! 34.♗xd7 (34.♗xb5 ♘xd4 35.♘xd4 ♖xd4 36.cxd4 ♖xd4=) 34...♖xd7 35.♔f2 b4=

33.♗xh7+?!

33.♗e3 ♘f8 (33...♗c5? 34.♗xh7+ ♔g7 35.♗f4 b4 36.♗f5+-) 34.♖xa6±

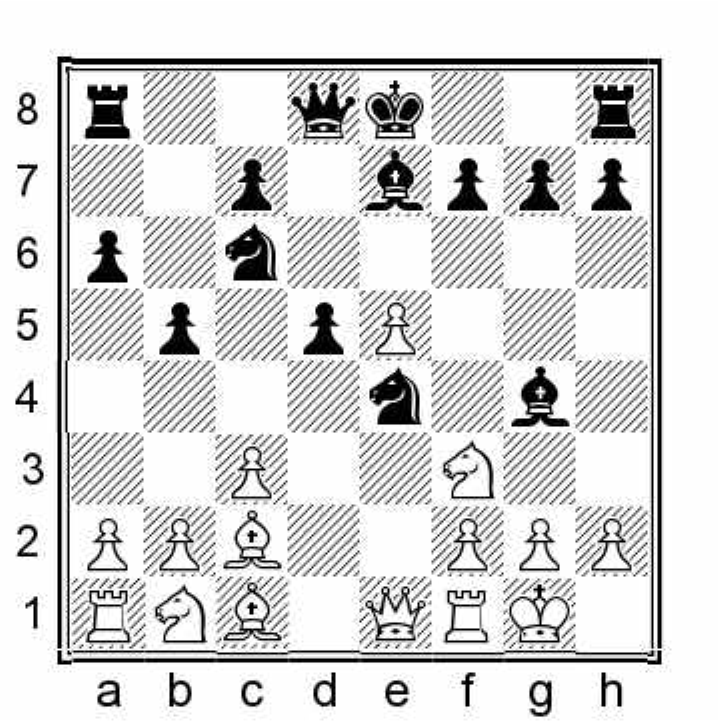
33...♔g7 34.♗f5 ♘xg5 35.♘xg5 ♗xg5 36.♖h7+ ♔g8 37.e6

37.♖h5 ♗c1 38.♗xd7 ♖xd7 39.♔f3 ♗xb2 40.♔e4 b4 (40...♖e7∞) 41.e6 fxe6 42.♖h8+ ♔f7 43.♖h7+ ♔e8 44.♖xd7 ♔xd7 45.cxb4 ♗a3 46.♗c3 ♔c6∞

37...♖xd4!= 38.exf7+ ♔f8 39.cxd4 ♖xd4 40.♗g6 ♗f6 41.♖h5 ♖g4 42.♗f5 ♖g5 43.♖xg5 ♗xg5 44.♗c8 a5 45.♗a6 ♗f6 46.♗xb5 ♗xb2 47.♗xc4 a4 1/2-1/2

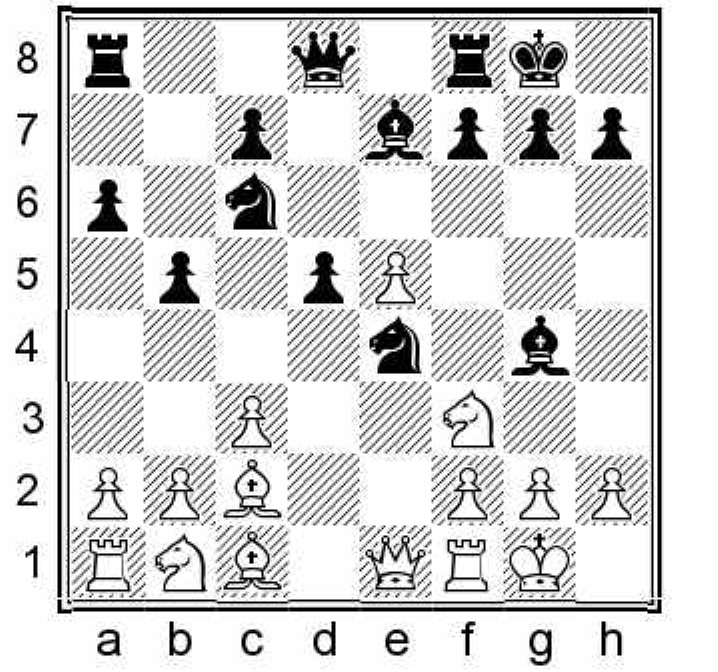
133. * C83
Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2761) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767)
Beograd 152/133, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.c3 ♗e7 10.♗c2!? ♗g4 11.♕e1



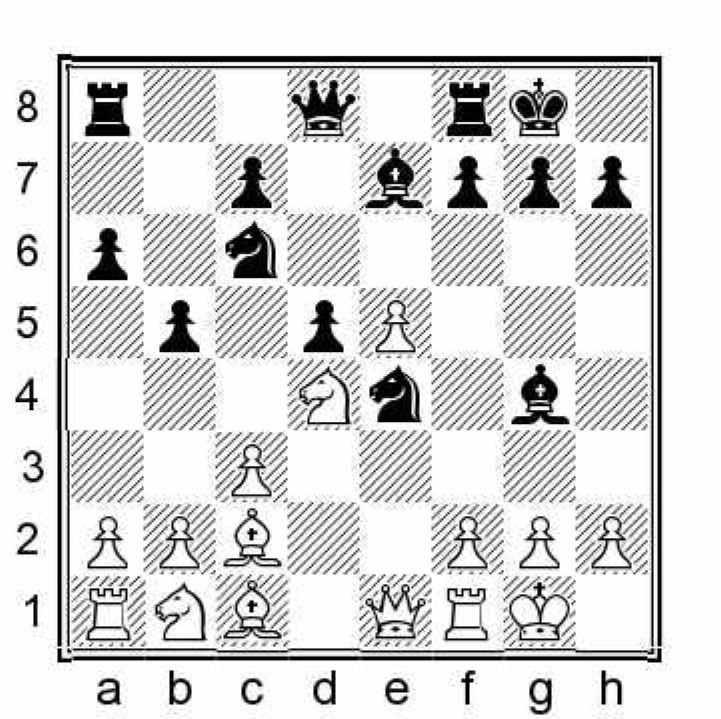
11.h3 - 127/126

11...O-ON



11...♘c5

12.♘d4



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12.♗xe4 dxe4 13.♕xe4 ♕d7 14.♘d4 ♘xd4 15.♕xd4 (15.cxd4?! f5! 16.exf6 ♗xf6∓) 15...♕e6=∞; 12.♘bd2N ♘c5 13.♘d4 ♘xd4 14.cxd4 ♘e6 15.♘b3 c5 16.dxc5 ♘xc5 17.♘d4 ♘e6 18.♗e3 ♖c8 19.♕d2= Ivic,V (2623)-Atalik,S (2459) Srbija (ch-rapid) 152/(133) 2022

12...♘xe5! 13.f3 c5 14.♘e2

14.♗f4 cxd4 15.♗xe5 d3! 16.♗xd3 (16.♗b3 ♗h4 17.g3 ♗f6 18.♗xf6 ♘xf6 19.fxg4 ♘xg4=∞) 16...♘c5 17.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 18.fxg4 ♘d3 19.♕g3 ♘xe5 20.♕xe5 d4!⇄

14...♗h4 15.♘g3

15.♕d1? ♘f2 16.♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 17.♔xf2 ♕h4+ 18.♔g1 ♘xf3+! 19.gxf3 ♗xf3-+

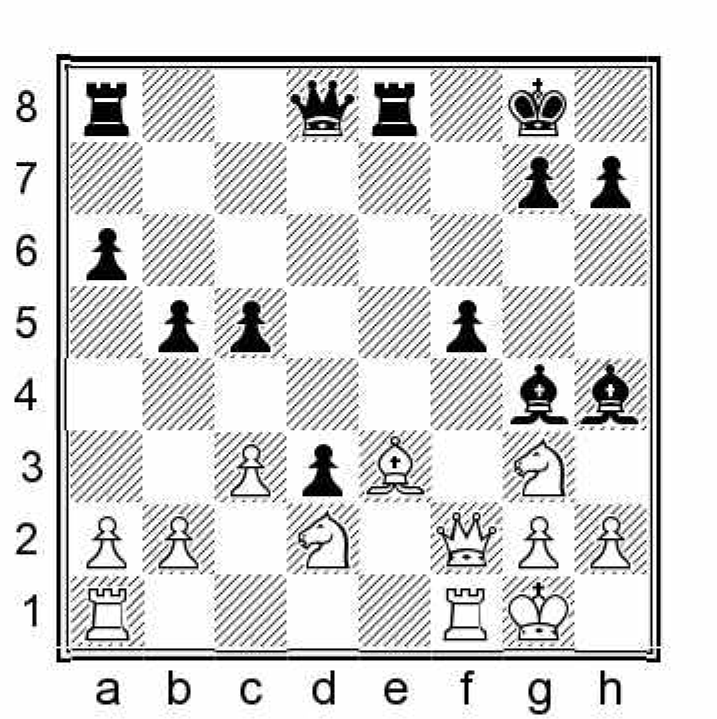
15...♖e8 16.fxe4 dxe4 17.♗e3

17.♗xe4 f5!? 18.♗xa8 ♕xa8 19.♕d2 (19.♕f2? ♘d3 20.♕c2 c4 21.♗f4 ♗xg3 22.♗xg3 ♖e2-+) 19...♗xg3 (19...c4 20.♕d4 ♘d3 21.♗e3 ♗f6 22.♕a7 ♕c8 23.♗d4 ♖e7 24.♕b6 ♖e6 25.♕a7=) 20.hxg3 ♘c4 21.♕f4 ♖e2 22.♖f2 ♖e1+ 23.♖f1 (23.♔h2? ♘e5-+) 23...♖e2 24.♖f2=; 17.♕f2 f5=∞

17...♘d3 18.♗xd3

18.♕d2 ♕e7=∞

18...exd3 19.♕f2 f5 20.♘d2



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20...g5!? 21.♘f3 (21.h3 f4 22.♗xf4 ♗e2 23.♗e3 ♗xf1 24.♘dxf1 ♕d5∞) 21...f4 22.♘xh4 ♖xe3 23.♘hf5 ♖e6 24.h3 ♗e2 25.♘xe2 dxe2 26.♖fe1 ♕d5 27.g4 fxg3 28.♘xg3 ♖f8 29.♕g2 ♕d3∞

21.♖fe1

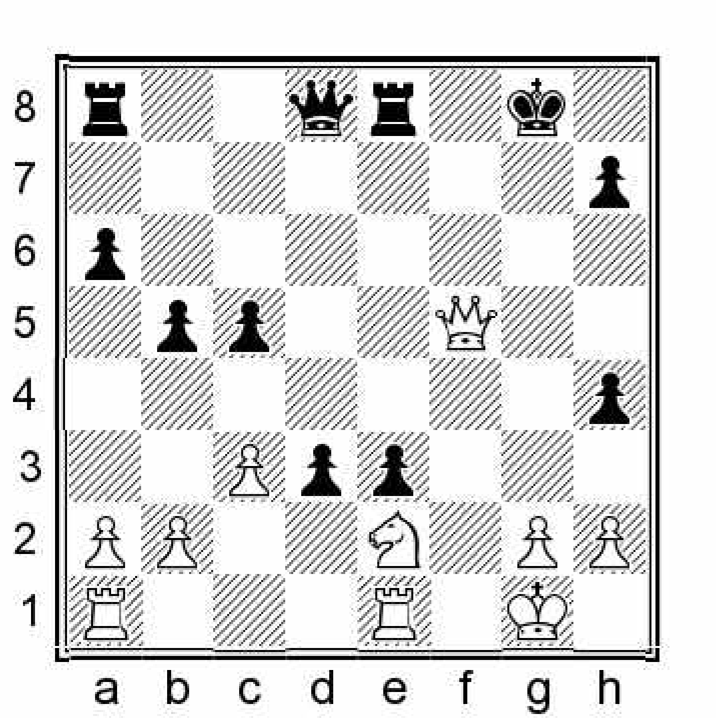
21.♗xc5 ♗xf1 22.♖xf1 ♖e2 23.♕xf5 ♗xg3 (23...♖xd2? 24.♗d4!+-) 24.♘e4! ♗h4 25.♘d6 ♖e7 26.♕xd3±

21...g5 22.♘f3?

22.♕xf5 ♖xe3 (22...♗xg3!? 23.hxg3 ♖xe3 24.a4 b4 25.♘e4 ♖a7 26.♘f6+ ♔h8 27.♕xc5 ♖ae7 28.♕d5∞) 23.♘ge4 ♗xe1 24.♕e6+ ♔h8 25.♕e5+ ♔g8 26.♕e6+=

22...f4 23.♘xh4 fxe3 24.♕f5 d2?

24...gxh4 25.♘xe2



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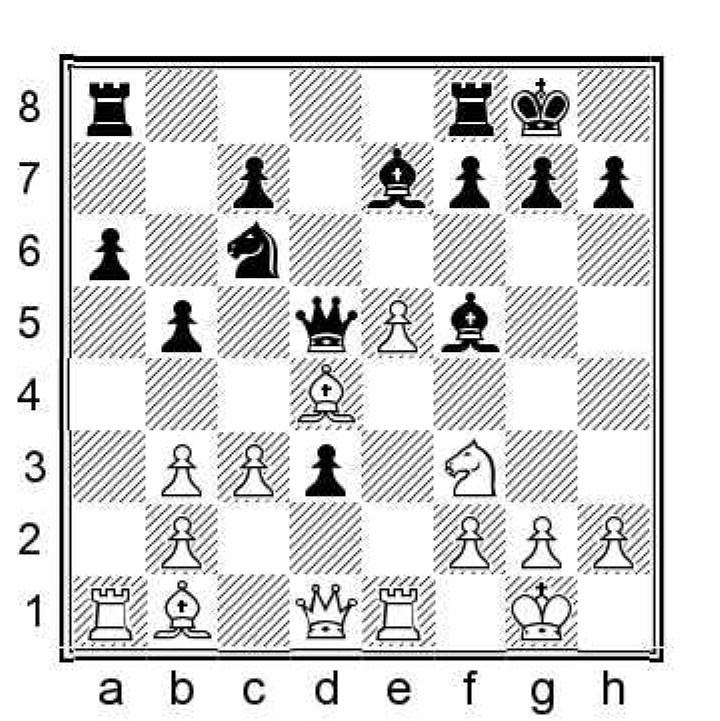
25.♖xe2 d1=♕+ 26.♖xd1 ♕xd1+ 27.♘f1 ♕xe2 28.♕xg5+ ♔f7 29.♕f5+ ♔g8 30.♕g5+ ♔f7 31.♕f5+ ♔g8 32.♕g5+ 1/2-1/2

134. C83
Harikrishna, Penteala (2719) - Giri, Anish (2772)
Beograd 152/134, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♘bd2 ♘c5 10.c3 ♗e7 11.♗c2 d4 12.♘b3 d3 13.♗b1 ♘xb3 14.axb3 ♗f5 15.♗e3 O-O 16.♗d4 ♕d5 17.♖e1



17...b4!

17...♖fd8 - 148/125

18.♗xd3

18.♖e3 bxc3 19.bxc3 ♖fb8 20.b4 (20.c4 ♕d7 21.♗xd3 ♖d8 22.e6 ♗xe6 23.♘e5 (23.♗b2 ♗f5=) 23...♘xe5 24.♗xe5 ♗f5=; 20.♗xd3 ♗xd3 21.♕xd3 ♖xb3 22.♖xa6 ♖xa6 23.♕xa6 ♖b1+ 24.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 25.♘xe1 ♘xd4 26.cxd4 ♕xd4=) 20...♗xb4 (20...a5!?) 21.e6 (21.♗xd3 ♘xd4 22.♗xf5 ♘xf3+ 23.♕xf3 ♕xf3 24.♖xf3 ♗c5=) 21...fxe6□ 22.♗a2 (22.♖xd3!?∞) 22...♕d7 23.g4 ♗xg4 24.♕xd3 ♖b5! 25.cxb4 (25.♗c4 ♖d8 26.♖xa6 ♖d5∞) 25...♖d8 26.♗c4 ♗xf3 27.♗xb5 axb5 28.♖xf3 ♘xd4∞

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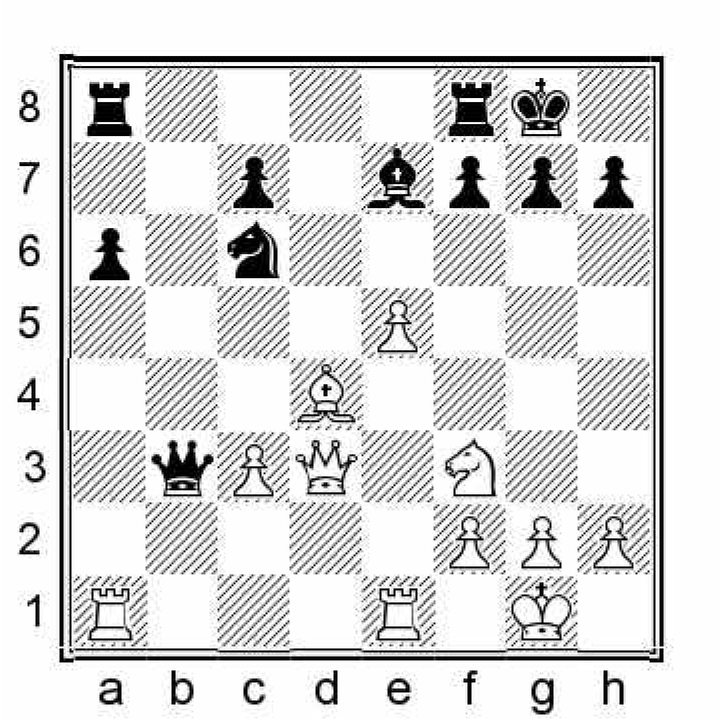
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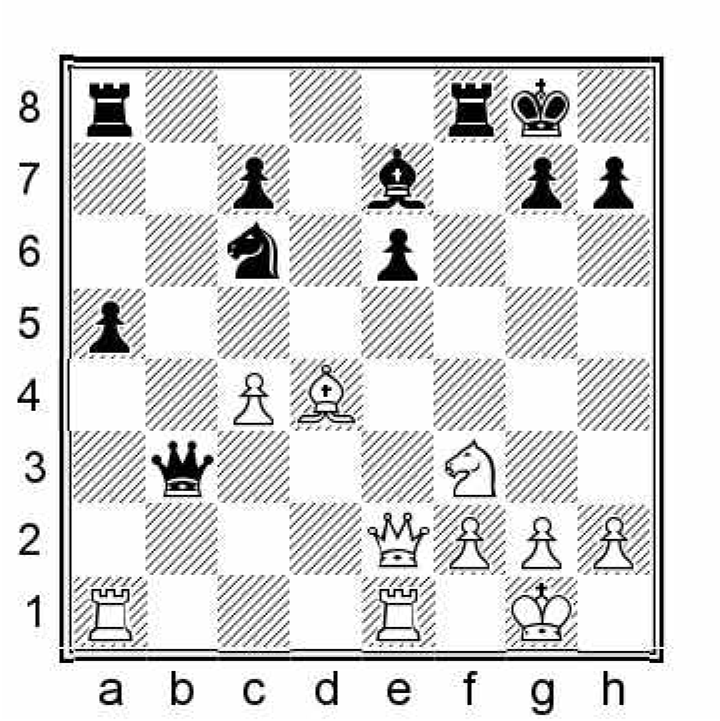
21...fxe6 22.♕e2 a5 23.c4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24.gxf3 ♘xd4 25.♕e4 ♘xf3+ 26.♔h1 ♘xe1 27.♕xe6+ ♖f7 28.♖xe1 ♖f8= 29.♖d1 ♔h8 30.♖d7 ♖xf2 31.♕xe7 ♖f1+ 32.♔g2 ♖1f2+ 33.♔g1

33.♔g3 ♖2f3+=

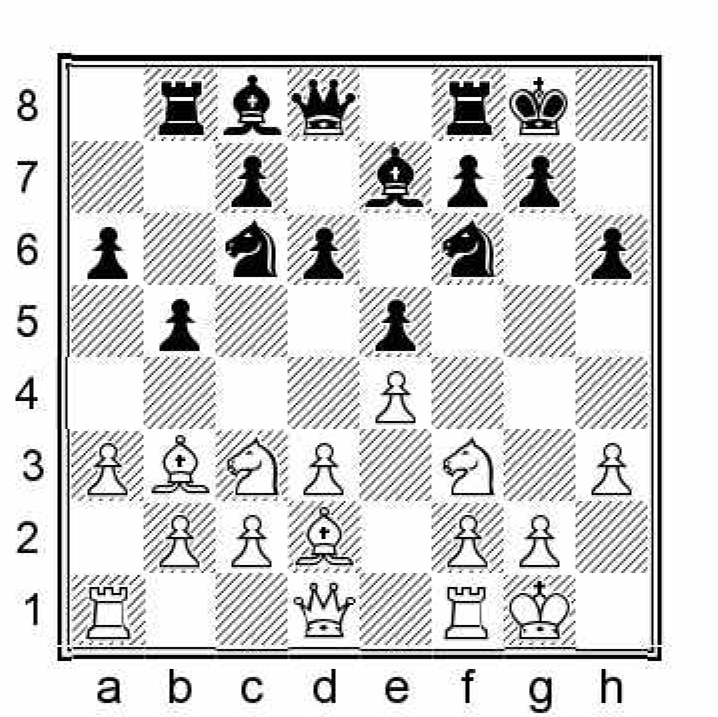
33...♖f1+ 34.♔g2 ♖1f2+ 35.♔g1 1/2-1/2

135. C84
Ivic, Velimir (2610) - Anton Guijarro, David (2694)
Terme Catez 152/135, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.d3 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.♗d2

8.a3 - 150/130

8...O-O 9.h3 h6 10.a3 ♖b8 11.♘c3



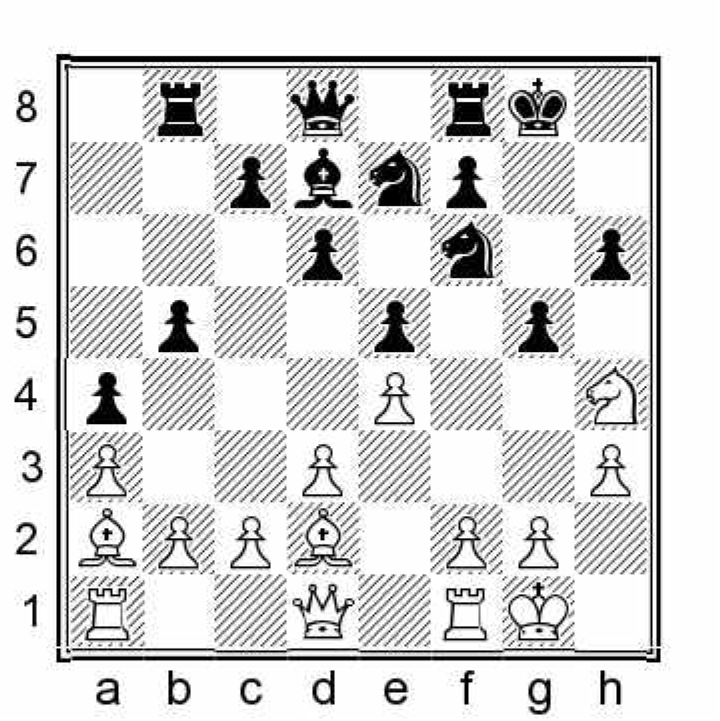
11...a5N

11...♗e6

12.♘d5

12.a4 b4 13.♘b5!? d5 14.♖e1 dxe4 15.dxe4∞

12...a4 13.♗a2 ♗d7 14.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 15.♘h4 g5!



16.f4!?

16.♕f3 ♔g7 17.♘f5+ ♗xf5 18.exf5 c5 19.g4∞; 16.♘f3 ♘g6∞

16...exf4

16...gxh4? 17.fxe5 ♘h7 18.♗xh6 ♘g6 19.♕h5+-; 16...gxf4 17.g3! ♗xh3 18.gxf4 ♗xf1 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.♔xf1=∞

17.♗c3 ♔g7 18.g3

18.♕h5 ♘g6 19.♘xg6 fxg6 20.♕e2 c5 21.e5 dxe5 22.♗xe5 ♖e8 23.♖ae1∞

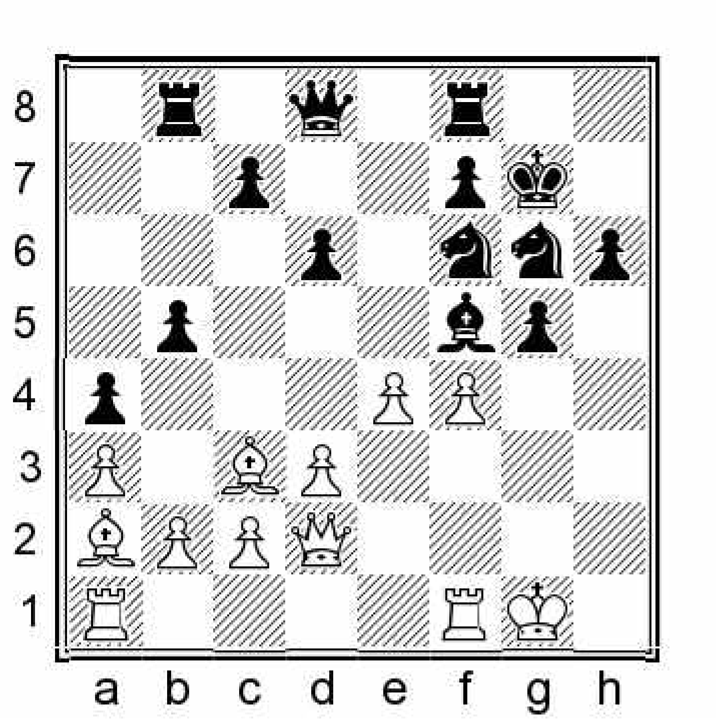
18...♗xh3

18...gxh4? 19.♖xf4 ♘g8 20.♕f3+-

19.♕d2?

19.♘g2 ♘g6 20.gxf4 g4 21.♕e2 ♔h7 22.♕e3=∞

19...♘g6 20.♘f5+ ♗xf5 21.gxf4



21.exf5 ♘e5 22.gxf4 gxf4 23.♕xf4 ♔h7-+

21...g4

21...♘xf4! 22.♖xf4 (22.exf5 ♔h7-+) 22...gxf4 23.♕xf4 ♗e6 24.♔h2 (24.♔f2 ♔g6! 25.♗xf6 (25.♖g1+ ♘g4+ 26.♔e2 (26.♖xg4+ ♗xg4 27.♕xg4+ ♕g5-+) 26...h5 27.♗d2 ♖h8-+) 25...♕xf6 26.♖g1+ ♕g5 27.♗d5 f5-+) 24...♔h7 25.♗xf6 ♕d7-+

22.exf5 ♘h4 23.♕h2 b4

23...♘xf5! 24.♕h5 ♘g3 25.♕xg4+ ♔h7 26.♕h3 b4! 27.axb4 (27.♗e1 ♘xf1 28.♕f5+ ♔g7 29.♔xf1 ♕c8-+) 27...♖b5-+

24.axb4 ♘xf5 25.♗d5! ♔h7

25...♖b5 26.♗c6 ♕b8∓

26.♗c6

26.♗e4! ♘xe4 27.dxe4 ♘h4 28.♔f2 ♖b5 (28...g3+ 29.♕xg3 ♖g8 30.♕d3 ♖g2+ 31.♔e1∞) 29.♖h1 ♖h5 30.♕g3 f5 31.♖ag1∞

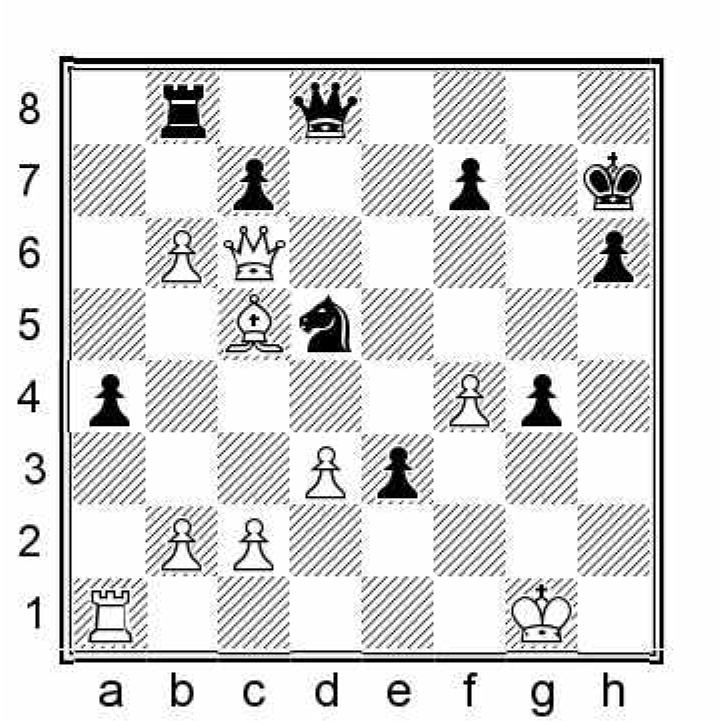
26...d5 27.b5 d4 28.♗b4 ♖e8 29.♖fe1

29.♗xe8 ♕xe8 30.♖fe1 ♕xb5 31.♖e5 ♕d7-+

29...♖e3 30.♖xe3 dxe3 31.♗c5 ♘d4 32.♕g2 ♘xc6?

32...♘f3+ 33.♗xf3 gxf3 34.♕xf3 ♖xb5 35.♗xe3 (35.♕xe3 ♖xb2-+) 35...♖xb2 36.♖xa4 ♖xc2-+; 32...e2 33.♖e1 ♖xb5! 34.♗xb5 ♘f3+ 35.♔f2 ♕d5 36.d4 ♘e4+ 37.♔xe2 ♘xc5-+; 32...♖xb5 33.♗xd4 ♕xd4 34.♗xb5 ♕xb2 35.♖xa4 ♕xb5-+

33.♕xc6 ♘d5 34.b6!?



34.c4! ♘xf4 35.♕e4+ ♘g6 36.♕f5 ♕e8 (36...♔g8 37.♖f1 ♕e8 38.♕xg4∓) 37.♖e1 ♕e6 38.♕xe6 fxe6 39.♖xe3∓

34...cxb6?

34...g3 35.♔g2! (35.bxc7 ♕h4 36.♔g2 ♕h2+ 37.♔f3 ♕h5+ 38.♔e4 ♘xc7 39.♕xc7 ♖e8+ 40.♔d4 ♕f5!∓) 35...♘xf4+ 36.♔f3 cxb6 37.♗xe3 ♘g6 (37...♕d5+ 38.♕xd5 ♘xd5 39.♗g1∓) 38.♕xa4∓; 34...a3!! 35.bxc7 (35.bxa3 cxb6 36.♗d6 ♕f6! 37.♕xd5 (37.♖e1 ♕h4-+; 37.♖f1 e2 38.♖e1 ♕d4+-+; 37.♖b1 ♘c3-+) 37...♕xa1+ 38.♔g2 ♔g8!-+) 35...axb2 36.♖b1 ♘xc7 37.♕e4+ (37.♗xe3 ♘d5 38.♗d2 ♘xf4!-+) 37...♔g8 38.♗xe3 ♕d5 39.♕xd5 ♘xd5 40.♗d2 h5-+

35.♗d6= ♕h4 36.♕xd5 ♕f2+ 37.♔h1 ♕h4+ 38.♔g1 ♕f2+ 1/2-1/2

136. C88
Stefansson, Hannes (2520) - Ivanisevic, Ivan (2601)
Terme Catez 152/136, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4 ♘a5!? 9.♗a2

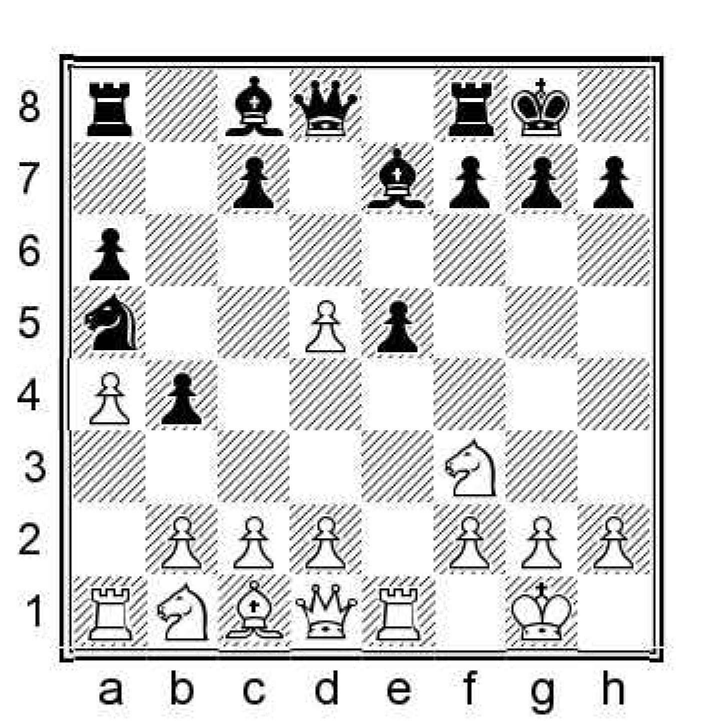
9.axb5 ♘xb3 10.cxb3 ♗b7 (10...d5!?) 11.bxa6 ♗xe4 12.♘c3 ♗d3 13.♘xe5 ♗xa6⯹; 9.♘xe5 ♘xb3 10.cxb3 ♗b7⯹

9...d5 10.♗xd5

10.exd5 - 103/235

10.d4 - 103/(235)

10...♘xd5 11.exd5 b4



12.♘xe5N

12.d4

12...♕xd5 13.d3

13.♕f3?! ♕c5!∓ 14.♕xa8? ♗b7-+

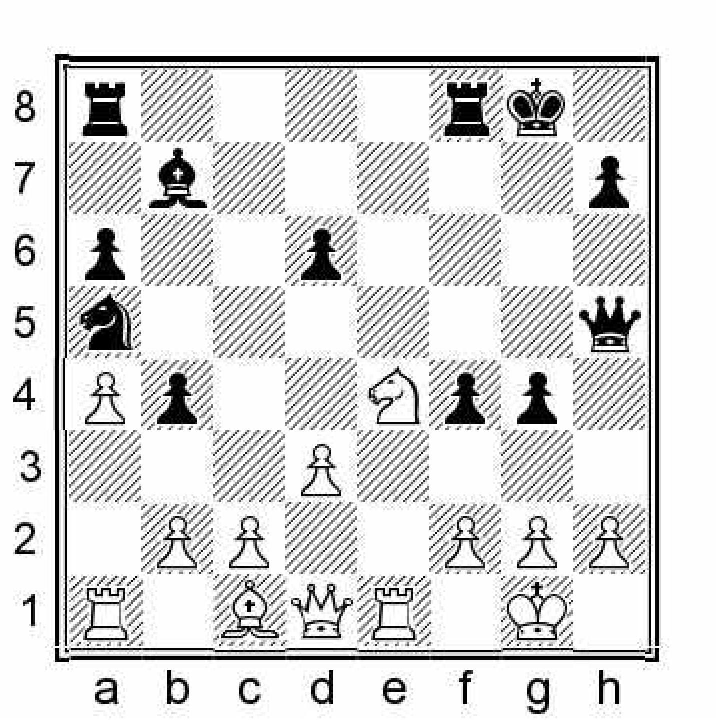
13...♗b7 14.♘f3 ♗d6 15.♘bd2 f5 16.♘f1

16.b3 ♖f6 17.♗b2 ♖g6≅

16...f4 17.♘1d2 g5 18.♘e4 g4 19.♘fd2 ♕h5

19...h5! 20.f3 ♖ad8! 21.fxg4 b3! 22.gxh5 bxc2 23.♕xc2 ♗b4∞

20.♘xd6 cxd6 21.♘e4

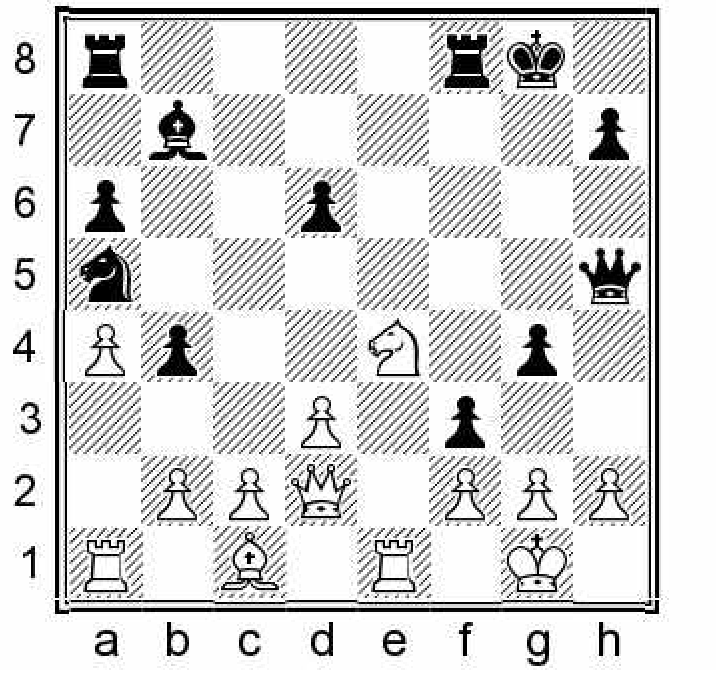


21.b3 ♘c6 22.♗b2 ♘e5 23.♘e4 ♖ae8!∞

21...f3?

21...♖ae8! 22.h3 (22.♗d2 ♘c6 23.♕c1 g3 24.hxg3 ♘e5→) 22...f3 23.♘g3 ♕g6 24.hxg4 ♘c6! 25.♖xe8 ♖xe8 26.♗f4 (26.♘f5 ♘e5 27.♗f4 ♘xg4 28.♘h4 ♕f6 29.♗g3 ♖e2∞; 26.♕xf3 ♖e1+ 27.♘f1 ♘d4 28.♕xb7 ♘e2+ 29.♔h2 ♖xf1 30.♕c8+=) 26...♕xg4 27.♕xf3 ♕xf3 28.gxf3 ♘d4 29.♗xd6 ♘xf3+ 30.♔f1 ♘h2+ 31.♔g1 ♘f3+=

22.♕d2



22.gxf3! gxf3 23.♔h1+-

22...fxg2

22...♗xe4! 23.♖xe4 d5 (23...♖ae8 24.b3! (24.♕g5+? ♕xg5 25.♗xg5 ♖xe4 26.dxe4 ♖c8⇄) 24...fxg2 25.♖xe8 ♖xe8 26.♗b2+-) 24.♖xb4 ♘c6 25.♖f4 (25.♖b6 ♘d4±) 25...♖fe8 26.♕c3! fxg2 27.♗d2 ♘e5 28.♕d4 ♘f3+ 29.♖xf3 gxf3 30.♗c3 ♕g6 31.♕xd5+ ♕f7 32.♕g5+ ♕g6 33.♕f4±

23.♕xb4 ♘c6

23...♖ae8 24.♗e3+-

24.♕xb7 ♘d4 25.♘g3 ♖a7

25...♘f3+ 26.♕xf3!+-

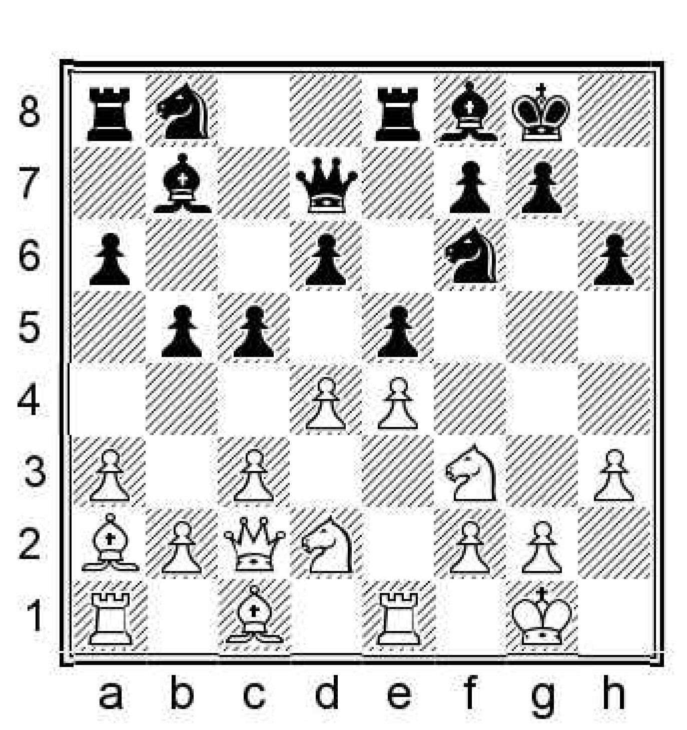
26.♘xh5 ♖xb7 27.♖e4 1-0

137. C93
Lagarde, Maxime (2647) - Brkic, Ante (2599)
Oesterreich 152/137, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 ♖e8 10.d4 ♗b7 11.♘bd2 ♗f8 12.a3 h6 13.♗a2 ♘b8 14.♕b3 ♕d7

14...♕e7 15.a4!⩲

15.♕c2 c5



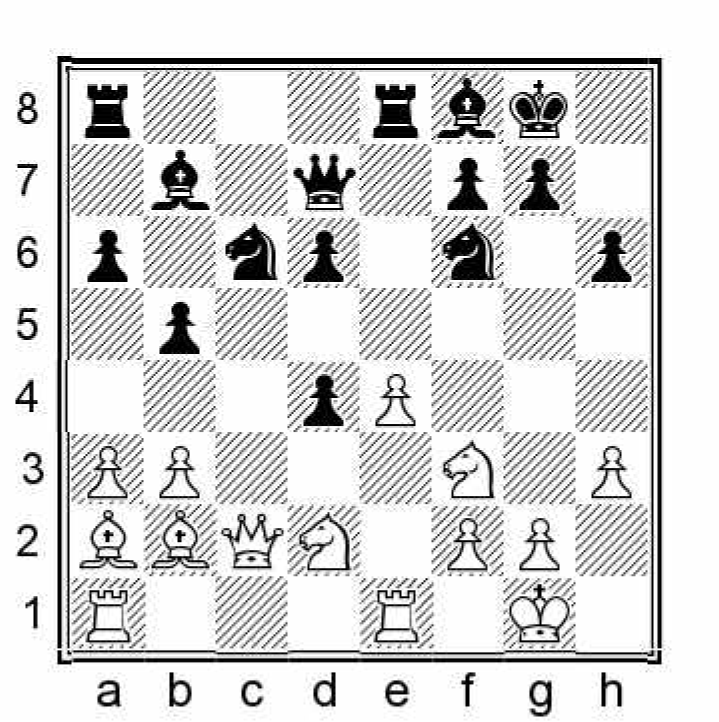
16.b3?!

16.d5 c4 17.b3 - 118/ 106

16...exd4 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.♗b2

18.♘xd4 ♘c6 19.♘xc6 ♕xc6 20.♕xc6 ♗xc6∓

18...♘c6

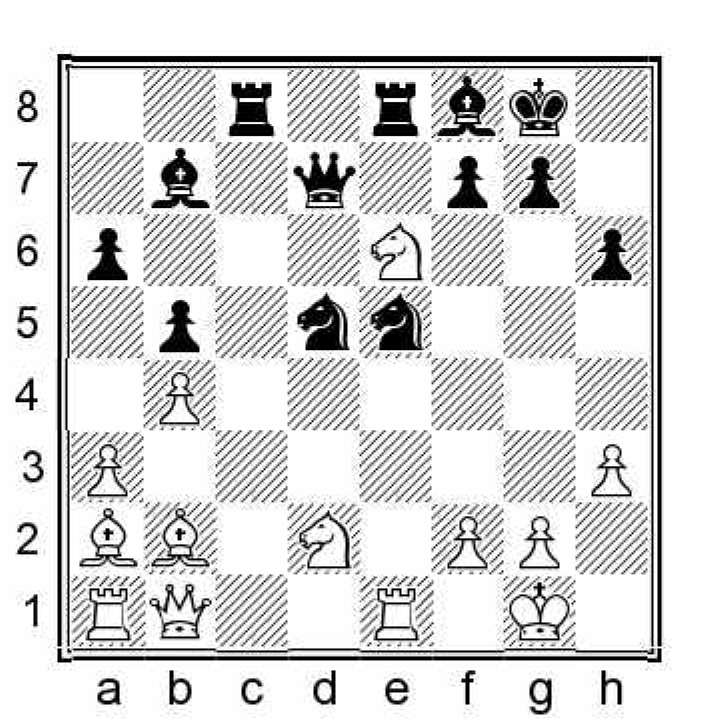


19.b4N

19.♖ad1?! b4∓; 19.♘xd4 ♘e5 20.♖ad1 ♖ac8 21.♕b1 d5∓

19...♘e5 20.♘xd4 ♖ac8 21.♕b1 d5! 22.♘4f3

22.exd5 ♘xd5 23.♘e6



23...♘g6! 24.♘xf8 ♖xe1+ 25.♕xe1 ♖xf8 26.♘e4 ♘df4∓

22...♘xf3+ 23.♘xf3 ♘xe4

23...♖xe4! 24.♕d3 (24.♖xe4 ♘xe4∓; 24.♗xf6 gxf6 25.♕d3 f5∓) 24...♕f5 25.♖ed1 ♖d8∓

24.♘e5 ♕f5

24...♕d6 25.♖xe4 dxe4 26.♗xf7+ ♔h7 27.♗g6+ ♔g8 28.♗f7+=

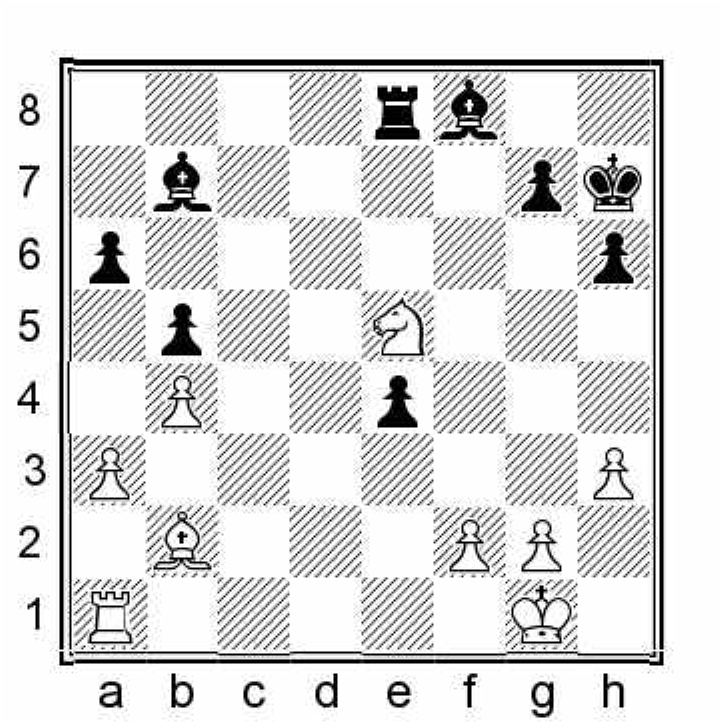
25.♖xe4 ♕xe4

25...dxe4? 26.♗xf7+ ♔h8 27.g4!+-

26.♕xe4 dxe4 27.♗xf7+ ♔h7 28.♗g6+ ♔g8 29.♗f7+ ♔h7 30.♗xe8

30.♗g6+=

30...♖xe8



31.♖d1

31.♘d7 ♗e7 32.♖c1 ♖c8 33.♖xc8 ♗xc8 34.♘c5=

31...♗e7 32.♘g4

32.♖d7 ♗c8 33.♖a7 ♗f6 34.♘d3 ♗xb2 35.♘xb2 e3 36.♘d3=

32...♖d8 33.♖xd8 ♗xd8 34.♘e3 g5 35.♗d4 ♔g6 36.♔f1 ♗c7 37.♔e2 ♗f4 38.♔d2 ♗d5 39.g3 1/2-1/2

D00-D24

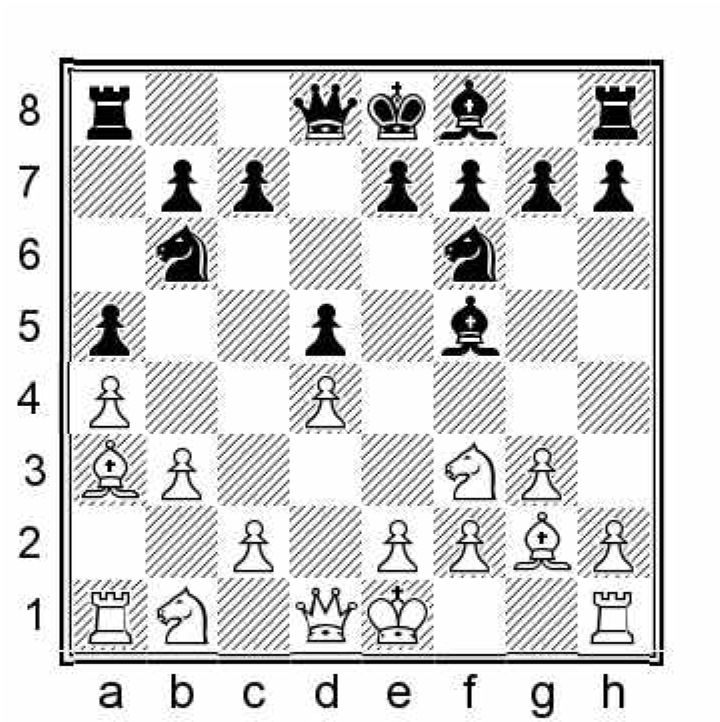
138. * D02
Gretarsson, Hjorvar Steinn (2542) - Willow, Jonah B (2411)
Reykjavik 152/138, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘d7!? 3.d4

3.c4 - 143/4, A

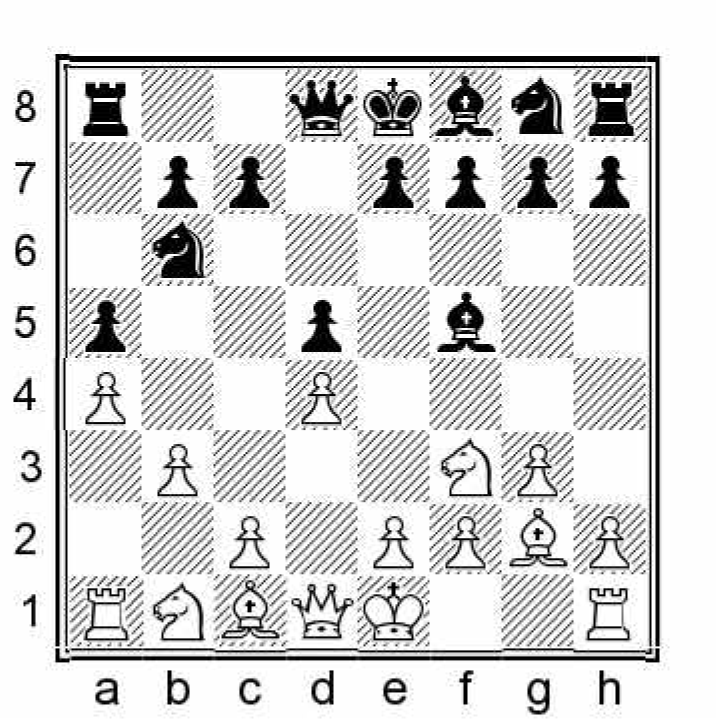
3...♘b6 4.♗g2

4.a4!? a5 5.b3 ♗f5 6.♗a3 ♘f6 7.♗g2



7...g6N (7...h6) 8.O-O ♗g7 9.e3 O-O 10.♘bd2 ♖e8 11.♖c1 ♗g4 12.h3 ♗xf3 13.♘xf3 e6 14.c4 c6 15.♕c2 ♘c8 16.♘e5 ♘d6 17.♖fd1± Markus,R (2627)-Nihal,S (2652) Beograd 152/(138) 2022

4...♗f5 5.a4 a5 6.b3



6...c6N

6...e6

7.♗a3 ♘f6 8.♘bd2

8.c4!? dxc4 9.O-O g6 (9...e6 10.♗xf8 ♔xf8 11.bxc4 ♘xc4 12.♕b3 ♘d6 13.♘e5 ♗e4 14.♘d2 ♗xg2 15.♔xg2→) 10.bxc4 ♘xc4 11.♕b3 ♘xa3 12.♘xa3 ♖b8 13.♘g5 e6 14.e4⩱

8...e6 9.♗xf8 ♔xf8 10.♘h4

10.c4 g6 11.O-O ♔g7 12.♕c1 h5 13.h3 ♘bd7 14.♕c3 ♘e4 15.♘xe4 ♗xe4 16.♘d2 ♗xg2 17.♔xg2±

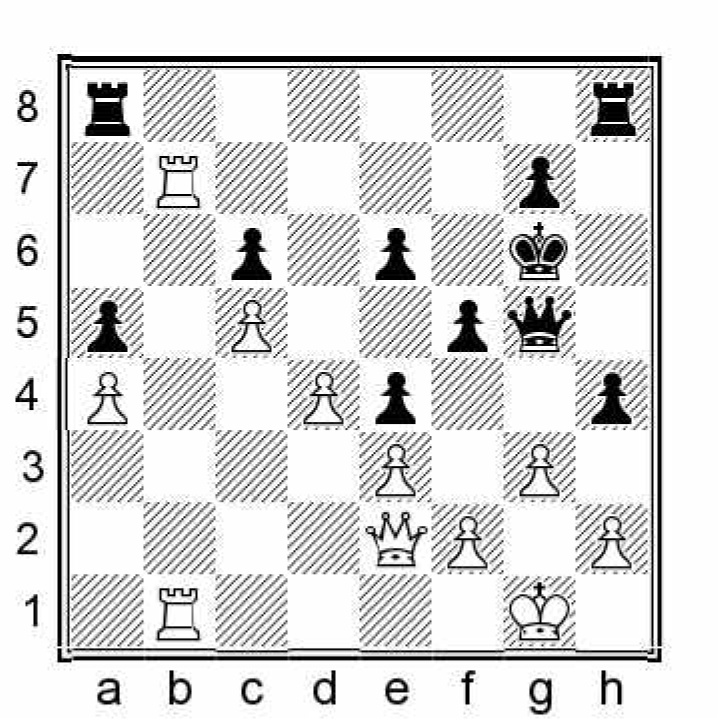
10...h6 11.O-O ♗h7 12.e3 ♘c8

12...g5 13.♘hf3 ♔g7 14.♘e5 ♖f8 15.f4→

13.♘hf3 ♘e4 14.♕c1 ♕e7 15.c4± ♘cd6 16.c5 ♘xd2 17.♘xd2 ♘e4 18.♘xe4 ♗xe4 19.♗xe4 dxe4 20.♖b1 h5 21.♕c2 f5 22.b4 h4

22...axb4 23.♖xb4 ♖a7 24.♖fb1 h4 25.♕b2 hxg3 26.fxg3 ♕g5 27.♕f2 ♕e7 28.♕f4 ♔f7 29.♖f1→

23.b5 ♕g5 24.♕e2 ♔f7 25.bxc6 bxc6 26.♖b7+ ♔g6 27.♖fb1



27...hxg3

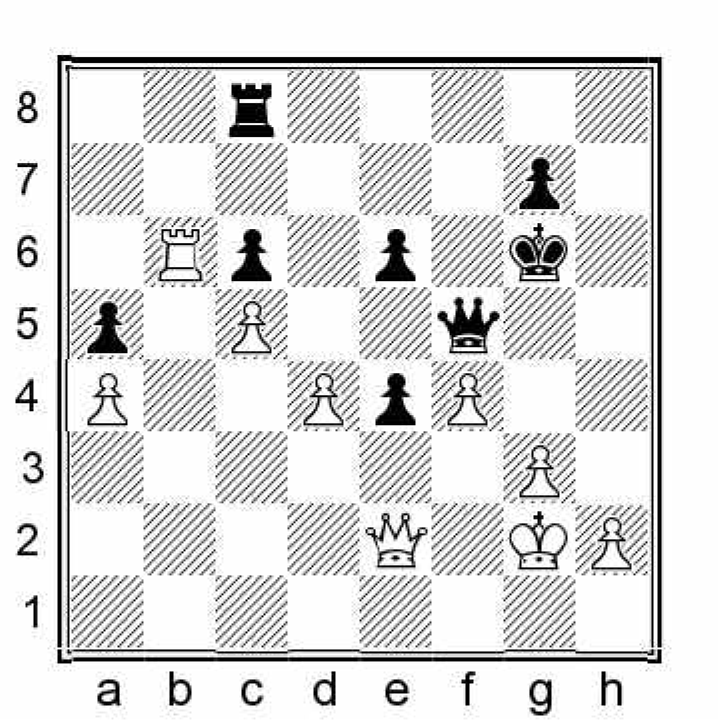
27...♖h6 28.♖b8 ♖xb8 29.♖xb8 hxg3 30.fxg3 ♔h7 31.♖c8 e5! 32.dxe5 ♖e6 33.♔g2 ♕g6 34.♕d1 ♖e8 35.♖xe8 ♕xe8 36.♕d6 ♕h5=

28.fxg3 ♖h3 29.♖b8 ♖h8 30.♖xa8 ♖xa8 31.♖b6 ♖c8 32.♔g2 f4?!

32...♔h7±

33.exf4± ♕d5

33...♕f5

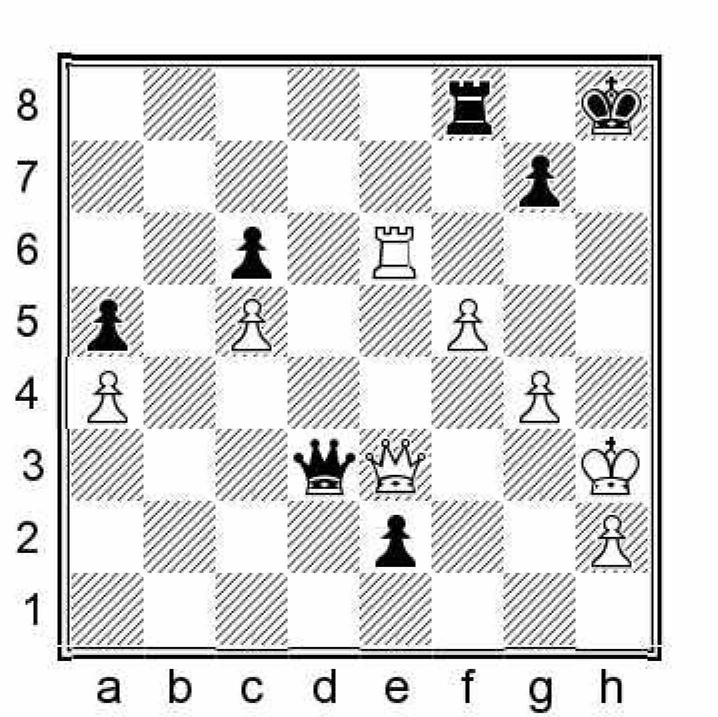


34.h4! ♖d8 35.♖xc6 ♖xd4 36.♖d6 ♖xa4 37.c6 ♖a3 38.♕c4 ♔h7 39.♕xe6+-

34.♕g4+ ♔h7

34...♔f6 35.♕h4+ ♔g6 36.♖b7 e3+ 37.♔g1! (37.♔h3 ♖g8! 38.♕g4+ ♔f6 39.♕h4+ ♔g6=) 37...e2 38.♕g4++-

35.♖b7+- e3+ 36.♔h3 ♕xd4 37.♕h5+ ♔g8 38.♕f7+ ♔h8 39.♕xe6 ♖d8 40.♕e7 ♖c8 41.♖d7 ♕c3 42.f5 ♖b8 43.♖d6 ♕c2 44.♕e5 ♖f8 45.g4 e2 46.♖e6 ♕d3+ 47.♕e3??



47.♔h4+-

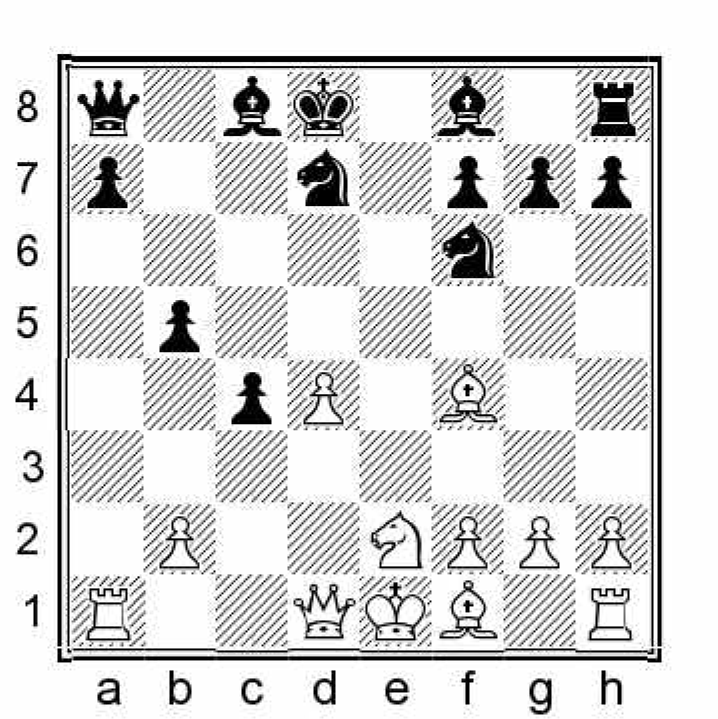
47...♖d8??

47...e1=♘! 48.♕xd3 ♘xd3 49.♖xc6 ♔g8 50.♔h4 ♖b8 51.♖a6 ♘xc5 52.♖xa5 ♘e4 53.g5 ♖b2 54.♔h5 ♖xh2+ 55.♔g6 ♔f8=

48.♕xd3 ♖xd3+ 49.♔h4 ♖d2 50.♖e8+ ♔h7 51.♔g5 ♖c2 52.h4 ♖a2 53.♔h5 ♖xa4 54.g5 g6+ 55.fxg6+ ♔g7 56.♖xe2 ♖c4 57.♖e7+ ♔g8 58.♖c7 1-0

139. D10
Aronian, Levon (2785) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2750)
Berlin 152/139, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 5.axb5 cxb5 6.♘c3 ♕b6 7.♘d5 ♕b7 8.♗f4 e5 9.♗xe5 ♘d7 10.♗f4 ♘gf6 11.♘c7+ ♔d8 12.♘xa8 ♕xe4+ 13.♘e2 ♕xa8



14.♕d2N

14.f3 - 151/143

14...♘d5

14...♘b6 15.d5 (15.♗g5 ♗d6 16.f3 ♖e8 17.♔f2 a6∞; 15.♘c3 ♗d7 16.d5 ♘fxd5 - 15.d5) 15...♘fxd5 16.♘c3 ♗d7 17.♗g3 ♘xc3 18.bxc3 ♗e7⯹

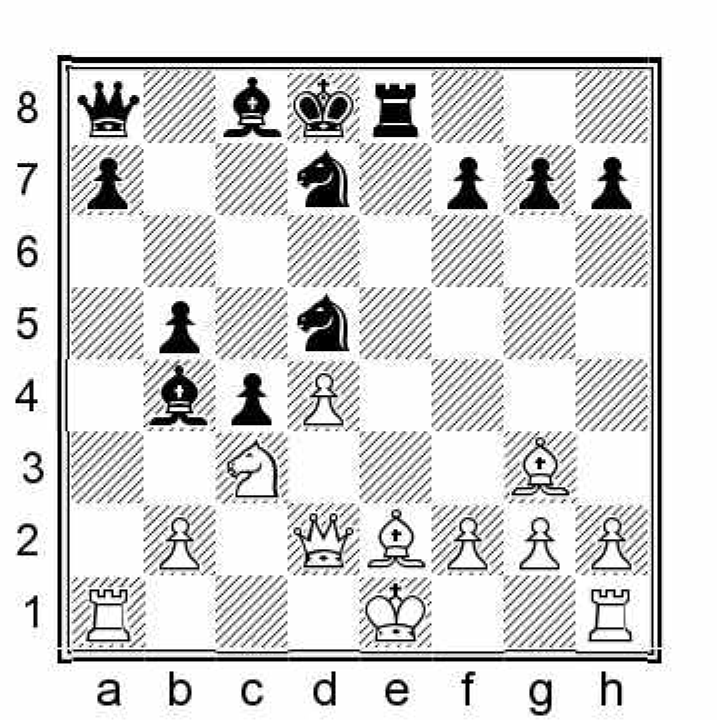
15.♘c3

15.♕a5+ ♘7b6! 16.♗d2 (16.♕xb5?? a6-+; 16.♕xa7 ♗b4+ 17.♗d2 ♕c6 18.♕xf7 ♖e8∓) 16...♕c6∞

15...♗b4 16.♗e2

16.f3 ♖e8+ 17.♔f2 a5∓

16...♖e8 17.♗g3



17.O-O ♗xc3! (17...♘xf4? 18.♕xf4 ♗xc3 19.♗f3 ♕b8 20.♕xb8 ♘xb8 21.bxc3+-; 17...♖xe2 18.♕xe2 ♘xf4 19.♕g4±) 18.bxc3 ♘xf4 19.♕xf4 ♖xe2 20.♕g5+ ♘f6 21.♕xg7 ♖e6∓; 17.♔f1!?

17...♘7f6!

17...♘xc3 18.bxc3 ♕xg2 19.♕g5+! (19.♖f1 ♕f3 20.cxb4 ♖xe2+ 21.♕xe2 ♕c3+ 22.♕d2 ♕xa1+ 23.♔e2±) 19...f6 20.♗c7+ ♔xc7 21.♕xg2 (21.♖xa7+ ♕b7 22.♖xb7+ ♗xb7 23.♕xb5 ♗xh1 24.♕xc4+ ♔d8 25.♔d1 ♗d6±) 21...♗xc3+ 22.♔d1 ♗xa1 23.♕g3+ ♔d8 24.♕d6+-; 17...♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♘7f6 19.O-O±

18.O-O

18.f3 a5 19.O-O a4=∞↑

18...♘e4 19.♕c2 ♗f5

19...♘exc3?! 20.bxc3 ♗xc3 21.♖a2±; 19...♘dxc3!? 20.bxc3 ♗xc3 21.♖a2 ♗b4=∞

20.♗h4+! f6 21.♗f3!

21.♘xb5? ♘g3! 22.♕xc4 ♘xe2+ 23.♔h1 ♗h3!-+

21...♗xc3!

21...g5 22.♘xb5! (22.♗xe4 ♗xe4 23.♘xe4 gxh4∞) 22...♘b6 23.♖xa7 ♕b8 24.♗h5 ♘d6 25.♕d1 ♘xb5 26.♖g7±

22.bxc3 g5

22...a5!?

23.♖fe1

23.♕b2!? ♕b7 (23...gxh4? 24.♕xb5 ♗d7 25.♕xc4±) 24.♗g3 ♕b6∞

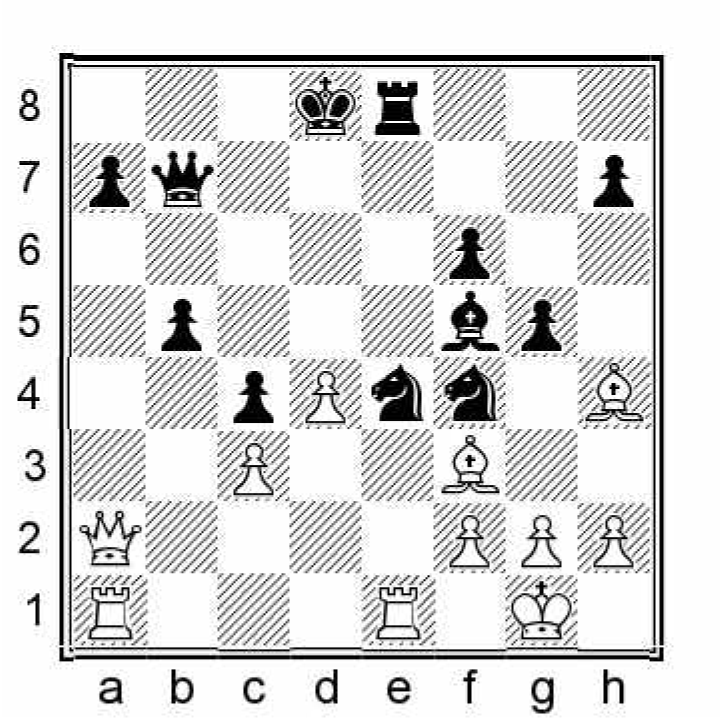
23...♘f4?

23...♘dxc3! 24.♗g3 b4∞

24.♕a2

24.♖a6!? gxh4 25.♕a2 ♘h3+!? 26.gxh3 ♖g8+ 27.♔h1□ ♘g3+ 28.fxg3 ♕xf3+ 29.♕g2+-

24...♕b7



⌓24...a5

25.♕xa7

25.♕a5+! ♔d7 26.♕xa7 ♕xa7 27.♖xa7+ ♔c6 28.♖a6+ ♔d7 29.♗g3+-

25...♕xa7 26.♖xa7 ♖e6 27.♗xe4 ♖xe4 28.f3!

28.♖xe4? ♗xe4 29.f3 ♘e2+ 30.♔f2 ♗d3 31.♗g3 ♘xc3±

28...♖e2!?

28...♖xe1+ 29.♗xe1+-

29.♗f2 b4!? 30.cxb4 c3 31.♖xe2 ♘xe2+ 32.♔h1

32.♔f1 ♗d3 33.♔e1 ♘f4 34.d5+-

32...c2 33.♗e3 c1=♖+ 34.♗xc1 ♘xc1 35.b5+- ♔c8 36.b6 ♔b8 37.d5 ♘d3 38.g4 ♗c8 39.♖f7 ♗a6 40.♖xf6 ♔b7 41.♔g1

41.d6!?

41...♗b5 42.♖f5 ♘f4 43.h4 ♗d3 44.♖f6 ♗b1 45.hxg5 ♘xd5 46.♖f8 ♘xb6 47.f4 ♔c6 48.♔f2 ♘d7 49.♖f7 ♘c5 50.♔g3 ♗g6 51.♖f8 ♘e6 52.♖g8 ♔d6 53.♖a8 ♗b1 54.♖a1 ♗e4 55.♖d1+ ♗d5 56.♖d2 ♘c7 57.♔h4 ♘e6 58.f5 ♘c5 59.♔h5 ♔e5 60.♔h6 ♘e4 61.♖b2 ♗c4 62.♖b4 ♗d3 63.♖xe4+ ♗xe4 64.♔xh7 ♔f4 65.♔h6 1-0

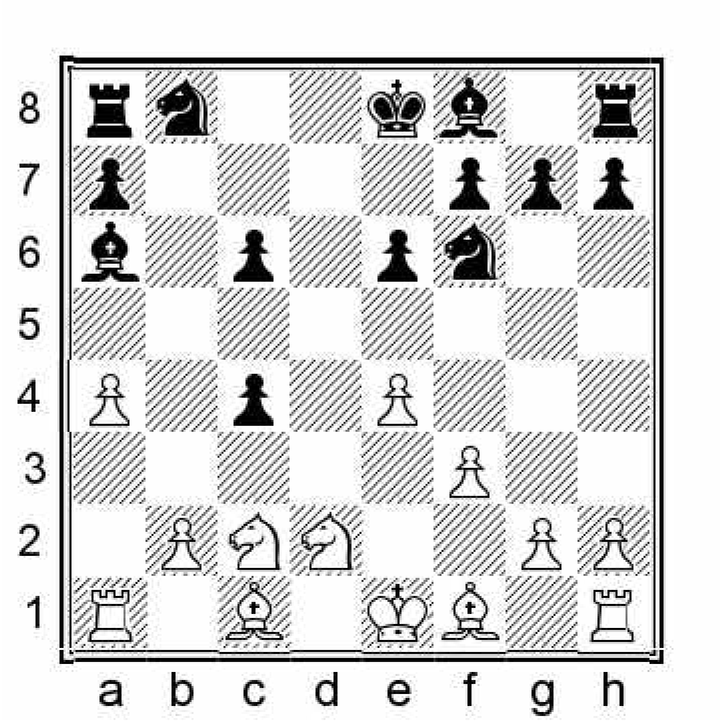
140. D10
Shankland, Samuel L (2708) - Bacrot, Etienne (2642)
Beograd 152/140, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 5.♘c3 b4 6.♘b1 ♗a6 7.♕c2 ♘f6 8.♘d2 ♕xd4

8...c3 - 111/(173)

8...e6 - 111/173

9.♘gf3 b3 10.♘xd4 bxc2 11.f3 e6 12.♘xc2



12...♗e7N

12...♘bd7; 12...♘fd7; 12...c3

13.♘xc4

13.♗xc4 ♘fd7 14.♗xa6 ♘xa6 15.♔e2 ♘b6=

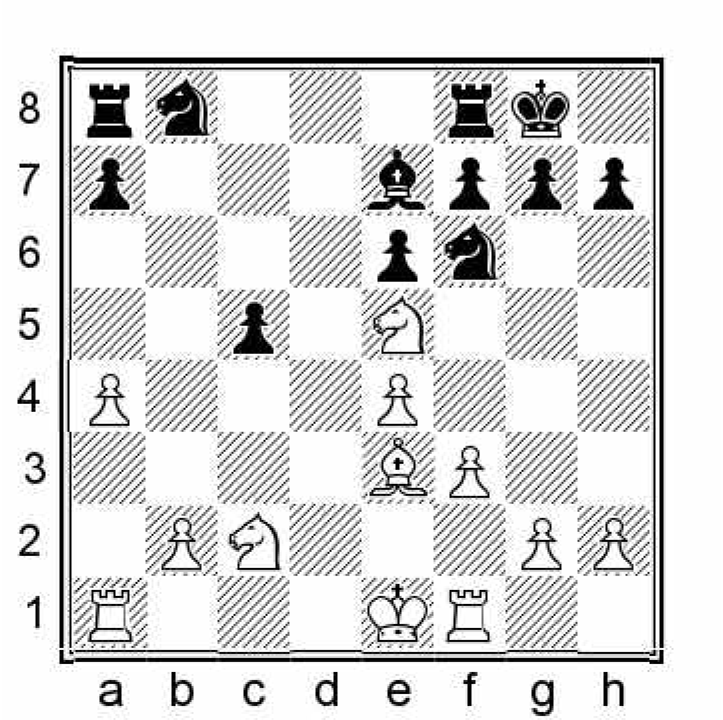
13...O-O 14.♗e3

14.♘a5 ♗xf1 15.♖xf1 ♘fd7 16.♗f4±; 14.♗d2!?; 14.b4!?

14...c5! 15.♘e5?!

15.♘a5 ♗xf1 16.♖xf1 ♘fd7 17.♘a3±; 15.O-O-O!?

15...♗xf1 16.♖xf1



16...♘fd7!= 17.♘c4

17.♘xd7 ♘xd7 18.♘a3 ♖ab8 19.O-O-O ♘e5 20.♗f4 ♗f6=

17...♘c6 18.♔e2 ♘b6 19.♘d2

19.♘xb6 axb6 20.b3 ♗f6 21.♖a2 ♖fd8=

19...♖ab8 20.b3 ♖fd8 21.♖fc1 f5 22.♖ab1 fxe4

22...♖b7!?

23.fxe4 ♖b7 24.♘e1 ♘d4+

⌓24...♘d7

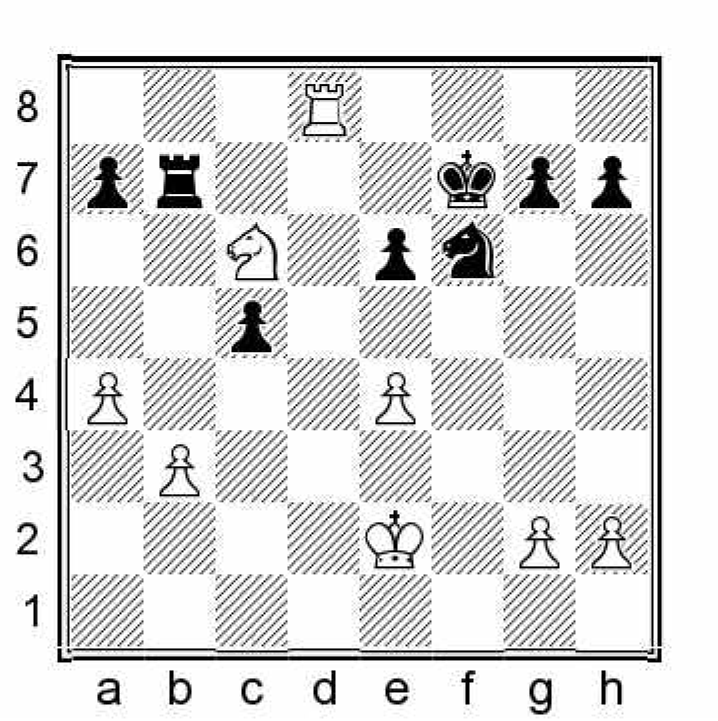
25.♗xd4 ♖xd4 26.♘ef3 ♖b4 27.♘e5 ♖d4?!

27...♖c7

28.♘c6! ♖xd2+ 29.♔xd2 ♗g5+ 30.♔e2 ♗xc1 31.♖xc1 ♘d7

31...c4?! 32.♘a5

32.♖d1! ♘f6 33.♖d8+ ♔f7



34.♖a8?!

34.e5! ♘g8 (34...♘g4 35.h3 ♘h6 36.♔d3! (36.♖d3 ♔g6 37.♘d8 ♖e7 38.a5±) 36...♖xb3+ 37.♔c4 ♖b2 38.a5+-) 35.♖d3 ♔g6 36.♘d8 ♖e7 37.♖c3±

34...♔g6 35.♖xa7 ♖xb3 36.a5

36.♖e7!?

36...♘xe4= 37.♖e7 ♔f6 38.a6 ♘c3+ 39.♔d2 ♖a3 40.a7 ♘b5 41.♖b7 ♖a2+ 42.♔e3 ♘xa7 43.♖xa7 ♖xg2 44.♖a5 1/2-1/2

141. D12
Sikorsky, Horst - Fleetwood, Daniel M
corr 152/141, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 ♗f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4 ♗g6 7.♗e2 ♘bd7 8.♘xg6 hxg6 9.♗d2

9.♕b3 ♕c7 10.g3 ♗d6 11.♗d2 dxc4 12.♕xc4 e5 13.♖c1 ♘b6 14.♕b3 ♕e7 15.♔f1 O-O 16.h4 ♖fe8 17.♗d3 ♘bd5 18.♘xd5 ♘xd5=

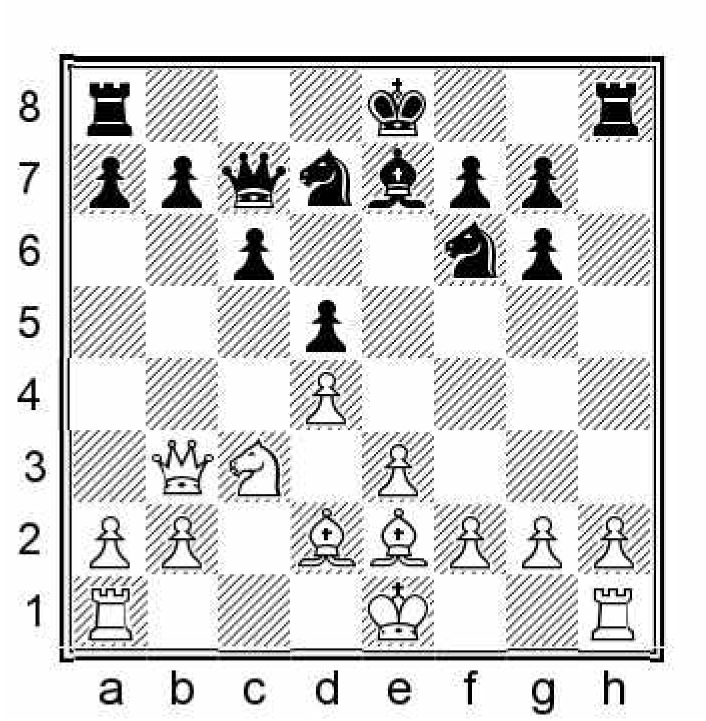
9...♗e7

9...dxc4 10.♗xc4 ♗e7 11.O-O O-O 12.♗e2 ♖c8 13.♕b1 a6 14.h3 c5 15.dxc5 ♖xc5 16.b4 ♖c7 17.♖d1 ♕c8 18.♕b3 ♘e5 19.♗e1 b6=

10.♕b3 ♕c7 11.cxd5

11.h3 - 90/ 323

11...exd5



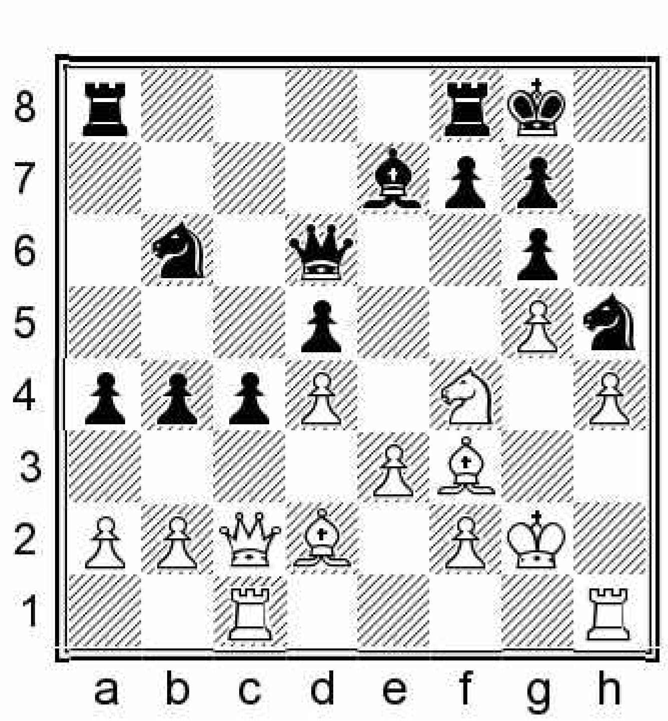
12.h4!?N

12.♖c1 ♘b6 13.g3 ♕d7 14.a4 ♘c8 15.♗f3 ♘d6 16.♕c2 a5 17.h4 ♕f5 18.♕xf5 gxf5=; 12.g3

12...b5 13.♖c1 ♕d6 14.♗f3 b4 15.♘e2 c5 16.g4 c4 17.♕c2 ♘b6! 18.♘f4 O-O 19.g5 ♘h5 20.♔f1

20.♕d1 ♕d7 21.♘xh5 gxh5 22.♗xh5 a5 23.f4 a4 24.♗g4 ♕d6 25.♔f2 f5 26.♗h3 ♕g6 (26...a3 27.b3 c3 28.♗e1 ♕e6 29.♗g2 ♘c8 (29...♖fe8 30.♖h3 ♘c8 31.♕h5 ♘d6 32.♔e2 ♗d8 33.♔d3 ♘e4 34.♔c2 ♔f8 35.♕h7 ♔f7 36.♗f3 ♖g8 37.♗h5+ ♔e7 38.♕g6 ♖a6=) 30.♕h5 ♖d8 31.♕f3 (31.♖h3 ♘d6 32.♔e2 g6 33.♕f3 ♘e4 34.♕f1 (34.♗f1 ♔g7 35.♔d1 ♖h8=) 34...♔f7 (34...♔g7 35.♔d1 ♖h8=) 35.♔d1 ♖h8=) 31...♔f8 32.♕h5 (32.♔e2 ♔e8 33.h5 ♕a6+ 34.♔f2 ♘d6 35.♕g3 ♕c6=) 32...♔g8 33.♖h2 ♘d6 34.♔e2 ♖ac8 35.♖h3 ♖e8 36.♔d1 ♖b8±) 27.♗g2 ♖fe8=

20...a5 21.♔g2 a4



21...♘xf4+? 22.exf4 c3 23.bxc3 bxc3 24.♕xc3 ♕d7 25.♕c6+-

22.♘xd5! ♘xd5 23.♕xc4 ♖a5

23...♖fd8= 24.♕c6 ♖ab8 25.♕xd6 ♖xd6

24.♕c6±

24.a3 ♖b8∓

24...♕d8 25.a3 ♖e8 26.♖c2 ♔h7! 27.♖h3 f6 28.♗xh5 gxh5 29.e4 ♘b6

29...♖f8 30.exd5 ♕xd5+ 31.♕xd5 ♖xd5 32.♖e3 ♗d6 33.♖e4 bxa3 34.bxa3 ♖f5=

30.axb4

30.♗xb4?! ♖a8 31.♗d2 ♖c8 (31...♗f8 32.♖hc3 ♕xd4 33.♗e3 ♕xe4+ 34.♕xe4+ ♖xe4 35.♗xb6=) 32.♕b5 ♖xc2 (32...♕d7 33.g6+ ♔xg6 34.♖g3+ ♔f7 (34...♔h7 35.♕xh5+ ♔g8 - 34...Kf7) 35.♕xh5+ ♔g8 36.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 37.♗h6+ ♔h7 38.♗f4+ ♔g7 39.♗h6+ ♔h7=) 33.g6+ ♔g8 (33...♔xg6 34.♖g3+ ♔f7=) 34.♕xh5 ♗xa3 35.♕h7+ ♔f8 36.♗h6 (36.♕h8+ ♔e7 37.♕xg7+ ♔d6 38.♖f3=) 36...♕c7 37.♕h8+ ♔e7 38.♕xg7+ ♔d8 39.bxa3 ♕xg7 40.♗xg7=

30...♖a8 31.♕b5 g6

31...♕xd4? 32.g6+ ♔g8 33.♕xh5 ♕xe4+ 34.♖f3 ♗d6 35.♕h7+ ♔f8 36.♗h6+-

32.♖hc3 ♖b8 33.f3 f5

33...♕xd4? 34.♖c7 ♖bc8 (34...♕e5 35.♕c6+-) 35.♗e1 fxg5 36.♗f2 ♕d1 37.♕xb6 ♕xc2 38.♖xc2 ♖xc2 39.♕b7+-

34.♗f4

34.exf5 ♘d5 35.♕a6 (35.fxg6+ ♔g7-+) 35...♖b6 36.fxg6+ ♔h8 37.♕xa4 ♘xc3 38.♗xc3 ♗f8 39.♖f2 ♗g7 40.d5 ♖d6 41.♖d2 ♖xg6-+

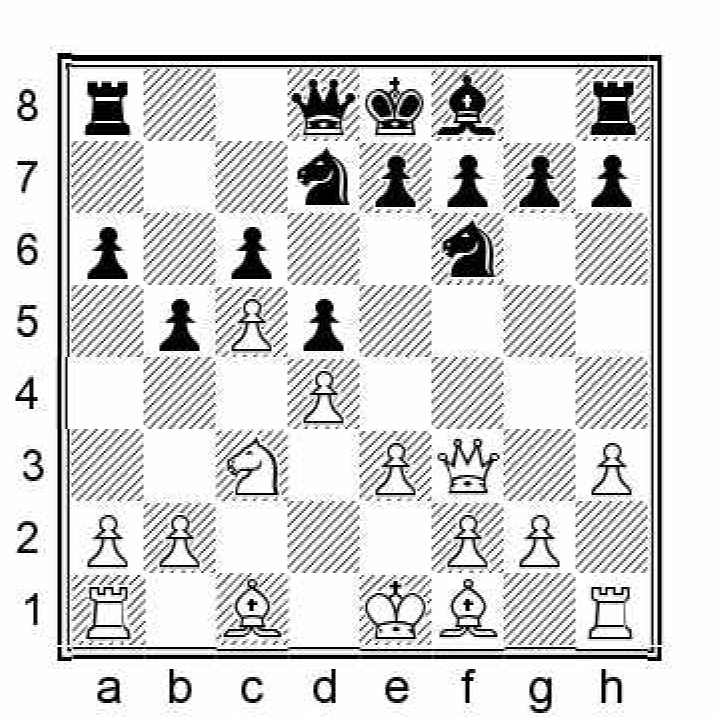
34...♗d6 35.♗xd6 1/2-1/2

142. D15
Lucas, Jonas (2486) - Szuhanek, Ranko (2456)
chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/142, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 a6 5.d4 b5 6.c5 ♗g4 7.h3

7.♕b3 - 115/ 125

7...♗xf3 8.♕xf3 ♘bd7

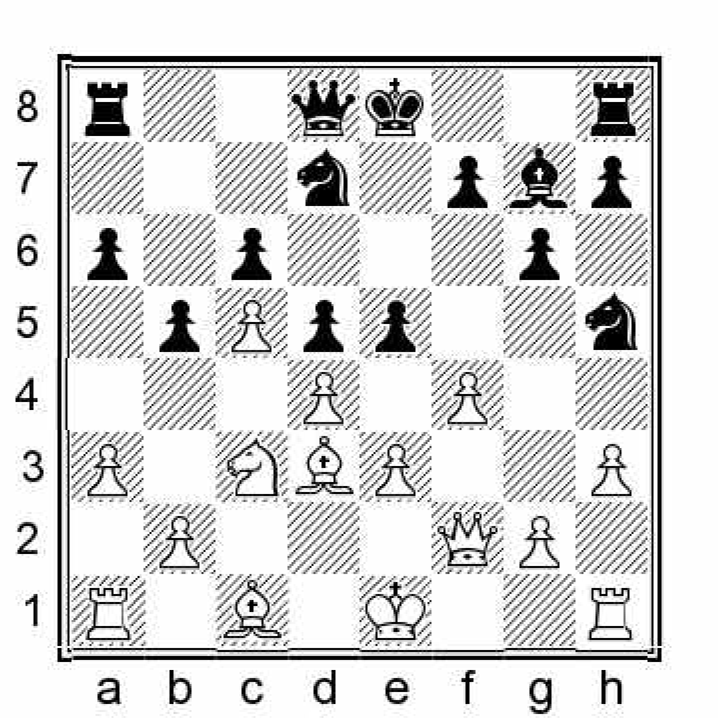


9.a3!?N

9.g4; 9.♗d3; 9.e4; 9.♕g3

9...e5 10.♗e2

10.♕g3 g6 11.♗d3 ♗g7 12.♘e2 (12.f4?! ♘h5 13.♕f2



13...♘xf4! 14.exf4 exd4 15.♘a2 ♘xc5 16.O-O O-O 17.♕c2 ♘xd3 18.♕xd3 c5∓) 12...♘e4 13.♗xe4 dxe4 14.h4 h5 15.b4 a5 16.♗b2 O-O 17.O-O ♕b8!⇄

10...♗e7

10...g6! 11.O-O ♗g7 12.♗d1!? (12.♖d1 O-O 13.b4 a5 14.♗b2 exd4 15.exd4 ♖e8 16.♗d3 ♘f8 17.♘e2 ♘e4 18.a4 bxa4 19.♖xa4 ♕b8 20.♗xe4 ♖xe4 21.♘g3 ♖e7 22.♗c3 axb4 23.♖xb4 ♕e8∓) 12...a5 13.♗c2 O-O 14.♗d2 ♖e8 15.♕d1 a4 16.♖e1 ♘f8 17.♘a2 exd4 18.exd4 ♘e4∓

11.b4 a5 12.♖b1

12.♗b2 O-O 13.O-O ♖e8 14.♖ad1 e4 15.♕g3 h6 16.f4 ♘f8∞

12...axb4 13.axb4 O-O 14.g4?!

14.♕g3 exd4 15.exd4 ♖e8 16.O-O ♗f8 17.♖d1 g6 18.♕d3 ♗g7 19.♗e3 ♘f8=

14...♖e8

14...♘e8! 15.O-O ♘c7 16.♖d1 ♖e8 17.♕g2 exd4 18.exd4 h6!! 19.♗d3 ♗h4 20.♔h1 ♘e6 21.♘e2 ♘f6 22.♖f1 ♖a2 23.♘c3 ♖a7∓

15.g5

15.O-O h6 16.♕g2 exd4 17.exd4 ♘f8∓

15...♘e4 16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♕xe4 exd4 18.♕xc6

18.♕xd4 ♗xg5 19.O-O ♗f6 20.♕d2 ♕c7 21.♖d1 ♖ad8 (21...♘f8 22.♕d6 ♕c8 23.♗g4 ♕b7 24.♗b2 ♖ad8 25.♕g3 ♗xb2 26.♖xb2 ♖xd1+ 27.♗xd1 ♖d8 28.♗f3 ♘g6=) 22.♕d6 ♕b7 23.♕g3 h6 24.♗b2 ♗xb2 25.♖xb2 ♘f6=

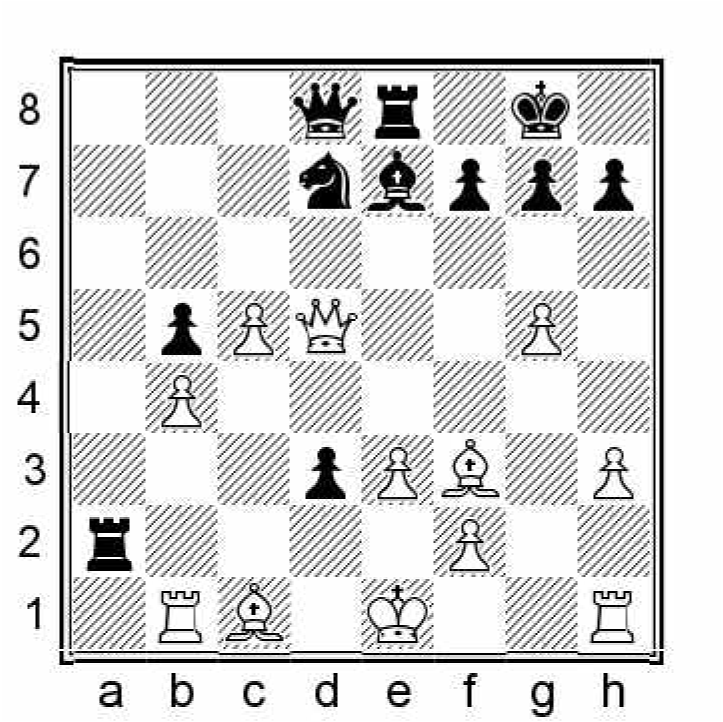
18...d3?!

18...♘e5! 19.♕e4 ♗xg5 20.♗xb5 ♖e6 21.O-O dxe3 22.fxe3 ♖b8 23.♗e2 ♕e7 24.♖b3 ♖e8! (24...♘c6 25.♕f5 g6 (25...♖f6 26.♕c2 ♖xb4 27.♖xf6 ♗xf6 28.♖xb4 ♘xb4 29.♕c4 ♕e5 30.♔g2 (30.♕xb4 ♕g3+ 31.♔f1 ♗h4 32.♕f4 ♕e1+ 33.♔g2 ♕xe2+ 34.♔g1 ♕e1+ 35.♔g2 h5 36.♗b2 ♕d2+ 37.♔g1 ♕xb2 38.♕xh4 ♕c1+ 39.♔g2 ♕xc5∓) 30...♘d5 31.c6 g6 32.♗f3 ♘c7 33.h4 ♘e6 34.h5 ♔g7 35.♗d2=) 26.♕d5 ♖xb4 27.♗c4 ♖xb3 28.♗xb3 ♘d8=) 25.♗h5 ♗h4 26.♕g2 ♖h6 27.♖f5 ♕d7 28.♕c2 ♖xh5 29.♖xh5 ♘f3+ 30.♔f1 ♕xh3+ 31.♕g2 ♘h2+ 32.♔g1 ♗f2+ 33.♔xf2 ♕xh5 34.♖d3 ♘g4+ 35.♔f1 ♕f5+ 36.♔e2 ♘e5∓

19.♗f3 ♖a2

19...♖c8 20.♕d5 ♗xg5 21.♕xd3 ♕f6 22.♗g2±

20.♕d5?!



20.♗b2 d2+ 21.♔d1 ♖xb2 22.♖xb2 ♘e5 23.♕d5 ♘xf3 24.♕xf3 ♕d3 25.♖xd2 ♕b3+ 26.♔e2 ♕c4+ 27.♔e1 ♕xb4 28.♕g4 ♕xc5 29.♕d7 ♖c8 30.♔e2 b4 31.♔f3±

20...♘e5!!= 21.♕xa2?

21.♗e4 ♖c2 (21...♕xd5 22.♗xd5 ♖c2 23.♔d1 ♖d8 24.e4 ♖xf2 25.♖b2 ♖f3 26.h4) 22.f4 ♕xd5 23.♗xd5 ♘c4 24.e4 ♔f8 25.h4 ♗d8 26.♔d1 ♖a2 27.♔e1 ♖c2=

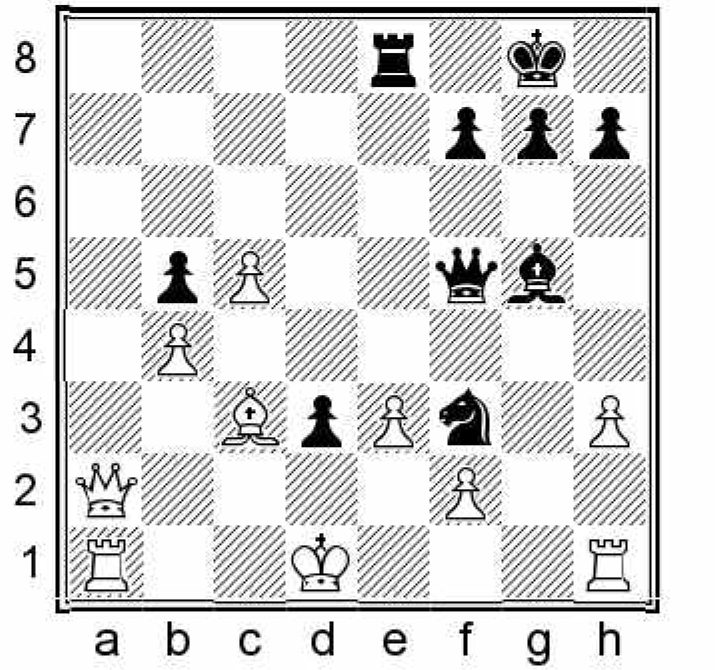
21...♘xf3+-+ 22.♔d1 ♗xg5

22...♕d7 23.♗d2 ♕c6 24.♖f1 ♖a8 25.♕b3 ♘e5 26.♗c3 ♕g2 27.♔d2 ♘c4+ 28.♔xd3 ♖a3 29.♕xa3 ♘xa3-+

23.♗b2 ♕d7 24.♗c3 ♕f5

24...♕c6! 25.♖b2 d2 26.♖f1 ♘h2 27.♖g1 ♕f3+ 28.♔c2 ♕f5+ 29.♔b3 ♘f3 30.♖d1 ♕d5+ 31.♔c2 ♕e4+ 32.♔b3 ♗f6-+

25.♖a1



25...♘h4?=

25...♗f6! 26.♕a8 ♔f8 27.♕c6 ♗xc3 28.♖a8 ♖xa8 29.♕xa8+ ♔e7 30.♕c6 ♗e5-+

1/2-1/2

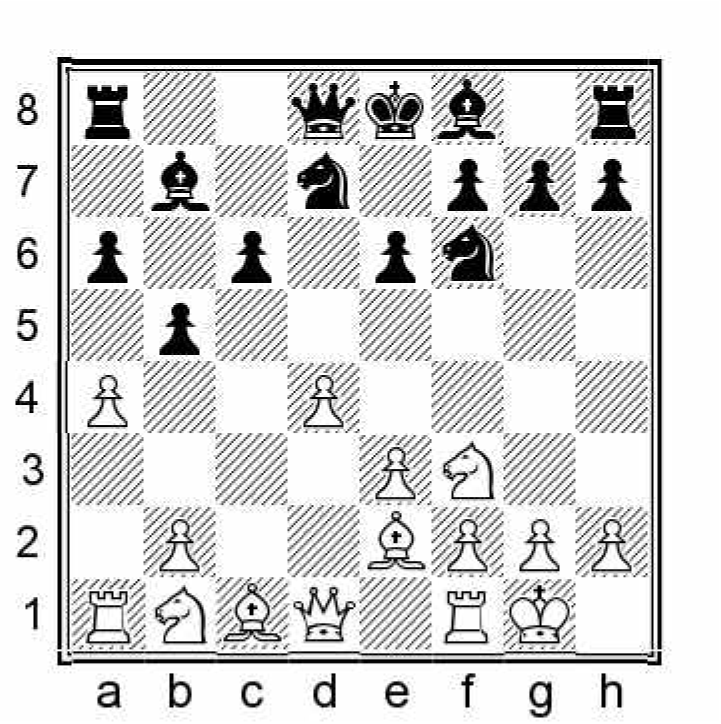
D25-D49

143. D30
Bin Suhayl, Ieysaa (2243) - Gormally, Daniel (2471)
Daventry 152/143, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.e3 a6 5.♗d3 dxc4 6.♗xc4 e6 7.O-O b5 8.♗e2

8.♗d3 - 124/129

8...♗b7 9.a4 ♘bd7



10.♕b3N

10.b3; 10.♘bd2

10...♗e7 11.♖d1 O-O 12.♗d2 b4 13.♘a3 a5

13...c5! 14.dxc5 ♗xf3! (14...♘xc5 15.♕xb4 RR♘fe4! (15...♗d5)) 15.♗xf3 bxa3↑

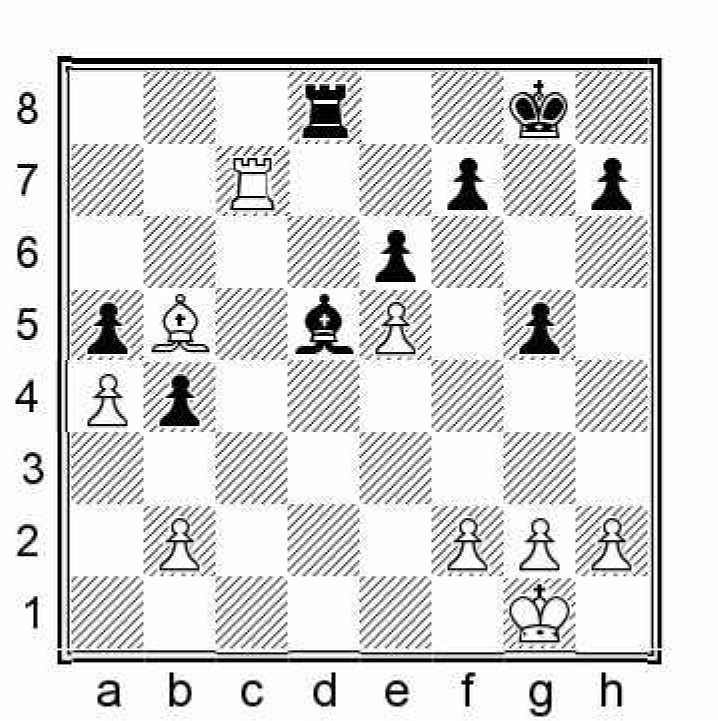
14.♘c4 c5 15.♘ce5 cxd4 16.exd4 ♗d5 17.♕e3 ♘e4 18.♗b5 ♘xd2 19.♕xd2 ♘xe5 20.♘xe5 ♗d6 21.♖ac1 ♗xe5 22.dxe5 ♗b3

22...♕h4!?∓

23.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 24.♖d6!

24.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 Δ h6, Rd2 ×b2

24...♖ac8 25.♖cc6 ♗d5 26.♖c7 g5 27.♖xd8+ ♖xd8



28.♗d7?

28.f3! ♗b3 29.♗d7!

28...♔g7!

28...♗c6 29.♖xc6 ♖xd7 30.f4 gxf4 31.♖c5 b3 32.♖xa5 ♖d2 33.♖b5 ♖xb2 34.a5 ♔g7 35.a6 ♔g6 36.g3 fxg3 37.hxg3=

29.g4?

29.f3 ♔g6 30.♔f2 ♔f5 31.♗b5 ♔xe5∓

29...♔g6 30.h3 h5 31.gxh5+ ♔xh5 32.♔h2 ♔g6 33.♔g3 ♔f5 34.♗b5 ♖f8-+ 35.♖a7 ♔xe5 36.♔g4 ♔f6 37.♖xa5 ♖c8 38.h4 gxh4 39.♔xh4 ♖c2 40.♔g3 ♖xb2 41.♖a6 ♖c2 42.♖b6 b3 43.a5 b2 44.♗a4 ♖c3+ 45.♔h2 ♗b3 0-1

144. D31
Rapport, Richard (2762) - Andreikin, Dmitry (2724)
Beograd (m/2-playoff) 152/144, 2022

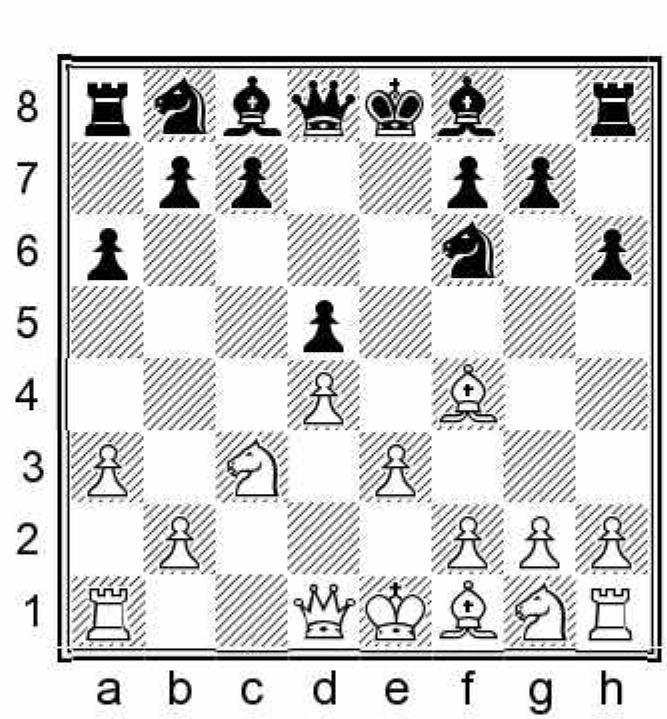
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.a3

5.♘f3 - 148/135

5...h6

5...♗e6

6.♗f4 ♘f6 7.e3



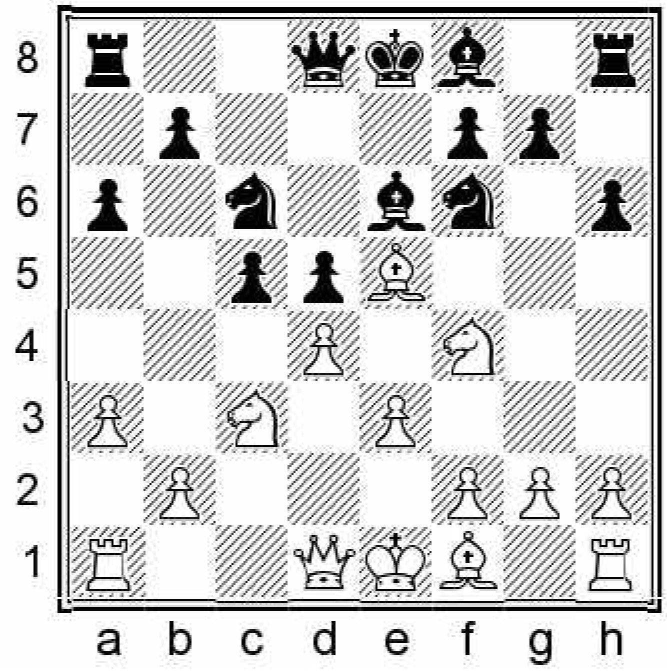
7...c5N

7...♗d6

8.♗e5!

8.♘f3 ♘c6 9.♗e2 c4 10.O-O ♗d6∞

8...♗e6 9.♘ge2 ♘c6 10.♘f4



10...cxd4!

10...♗e7 11.♘xe6 fxe6 12.♗d3 O-O 13.O-O±

11.♗xd4 ♘xd4 12.♕xd4

12.exd4 ♕d6 13.♘xe6 ♕xe6+ 14.♗e2 ♗d6 15.O-O O-O=

12...♗d6

12...♖c8!?

13.g3

13.♘cxd5? ♘xd5! (13...♗xd5 14.♘xd5 ♘xd5 15.O-O-O∞) 14.♘xd5 ♗xd5 15.♖d1 ♗b3!-+

13...♖c8 14.♖d1

14.♘xe6 fxe6 15.♗h3 ♔f7∞

14...♕a5

14...♗xf4 15.♕xf4 O-O=

15.♖c1 O-O 16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.♗h3 ♔f7

17...♖fe8=

18.O-O ♖c4 19.♕d3 ♗e5 20.♘e2 ♖fc8= 21.♖xc4

21.♖b1!?

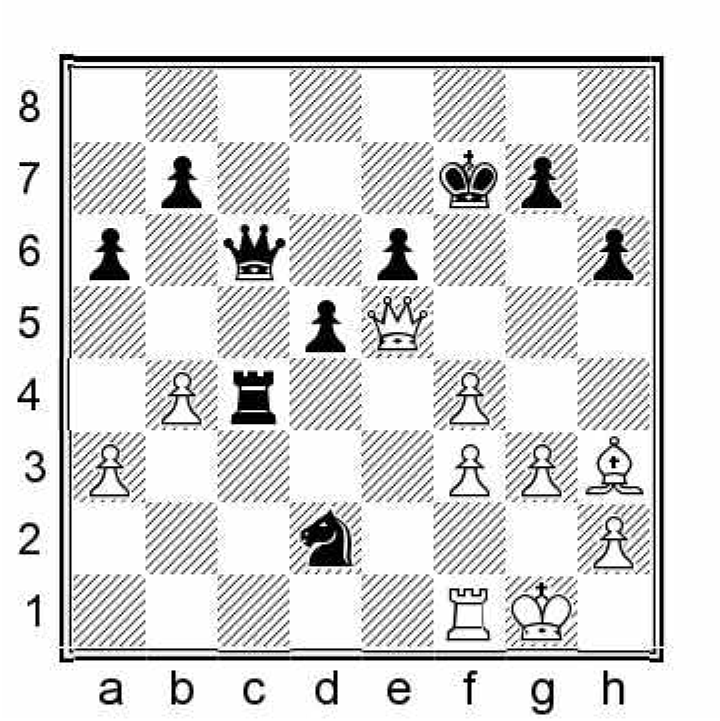
21...♖xc4 22.b4 ♕a4 23.♘f4 ♗xf4 24.exf4 ♕c6 25.♕e3 ♘e4

25...♖e4 26.♕d2 ♖c4=

26.f3 ♖c3 27.♕d4

27.♕e2?! ♖c2 28.♕e3 ♕c3 29.♖e1 ♕xe3+ 30.♖xe3 ♖c3 31.♖xc3 ♘xc3∓

27...♖c4 28.♕e3 ♖c3 29.♕d4 ♖c4 30.♕e5 ♘d2



30...♘f6 31.f5 (31.♖e1 ♕b6+ 32.♔h1 ♖c6 33.f5 ♕c7 34.fxe6+ ♔e7=∞) 31...exf5 (31...♕b6+ 32.♔h1 ♕c7 33.fxe6+ (33.♕xe6+?! ♔f8=∞↑) 33...♔e7=∞) 32.♗xf5 ♕e8=

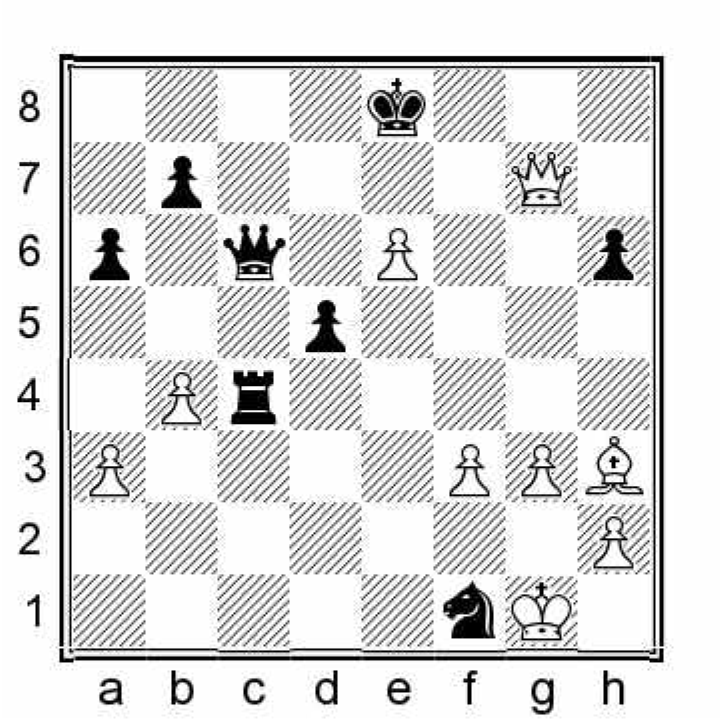
31.f5!□

31.♖f2? ♖c1+ 32.♔g2 (32.♗f1 ♕c4-+) 32...♘c4! 33.♕d4 ♖d1! 34.♕a7 d4-+

31...♘xf1 32.fxe6+ ♔e8?!

32...♔e7 33.♕xg7+ (33.♗xf1? ♕b6+! 34.♔h1 ♕d4 35.♕f5 ♖c7 36.♕f7+ ♔d6 37.♕f8+ ♖e7-+) 33...♔d6 34.♕f8+ (34.♗xf1 ♖c1 35.e7 ♕c4 36.e8=♘+! ♔e6 37.♘c7+ ♕xc7 38.♕xh6+ ♔d7 39.♕h3+ ♔d6 40.♕h6+ ♔d7=) 34...♔c7 35.e7 ♕b6+ 36.♔xf1 (36.♔h1 ♘xg3+ 37.hxg3 ♖c1+ 38.♗f1 ♖xf1+ 39.♔h2 ♖f2+ 40.♔h1 ♖f1+ 41.♔h2=) 36...♖c1+ 37.♔e2 ♖e1+ 38.♔xe1 ♕e3+=

33.♕xg7



33...♕b6+?

33...♕d6 34.♕f7+ ♔d8 35.e7+ ♕xe7 36.♕xd5++-; 33...♕c7 34.♕g6+! (34.♕xh6? ♘d2!∓) 34...♔e7 35.♗xf1! (35.♔xf1 ♖c1+ 36.♔g2 ♕c2+ 37.♕xc2 ♖xc2+ 38.♔g1 ♖a2-+) 35...♕b6+ 36.♔g2 ♕xe6 37.♕xe6+ ♔xe6 38.♗xc4 dxc4 39.♔f2 b5 40.♔e3 ♔f6=

34.♔xf1 ♖c1+ 35.♔e2 ♖e1+?!

35...♖c7 36.♕h8+ ♔e7 37.f4 ♕b5+ 38.♔e3 ♕c4 39.♕g7+ ♔d6 40.♕f8+ ♖e7 (40...♔c6 41.♕c5+ ♕xc5+ 42.bxc5 ♔xc5 43.f5 ♔d6 44.f6+-) 41.♗g4+-

36.♔xe1+- ♕e3+ 37.♔d1 ♕d3+ 38.♔c1 ♕e3+ 39.♔b1 ♕d3+ 40.♔c1 ♕e3+ 41.♔b2 ♕d2+ 42.♔a1 ♕c1+ 43.♔a2 ♕c4+ 44.♔b2 ♕e2+ 45.♔a1 ♕f1+ 46.♗xf1 1-0

145. D36
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2761)
Beograd 152/145, 2022

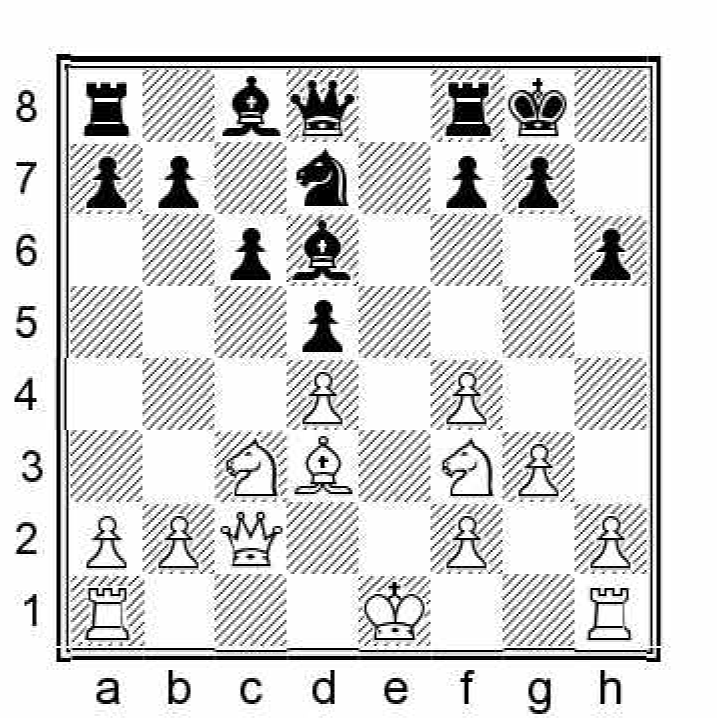
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♗g5 c6 6.e3 ♗e7 7.♕c2 ♘bd7 8.♗d3 h6 9.♗f4 ♘h5

9...a6 - 19/505

10.♘f3 ♘xf4 11.exf4 ♗d6 12.g3

12.♘e5

12...O-O



13.O-O-ON

13.O-O

13...b5

13...a5!? 14.♔b1 a4 15.a3 (15.♘xa4? ♕a5 16.b3 (16.♘c3 b5 17.b3 ♗b4 18.♘e2 c5 19.dxc5 ♘xc5∓) 16...♗b4!∓) 15...b5↑

14.♘e5 ♕c7 15.♔b1 ♘b6∞ 16.♖hg1

16.g4 b4 17.♘e2 (17.♘a4 ♘xa4 18.♕xa4 f6 19.♘g6 ♗xg4 20.♘xf8 ♗xd1 21.♕xd1 ♖xf8↑) 17...c5 18.dxc5 ♕xc5 19.♕xc5 ♗xc5 20.f3∞

16...b4 17.♘a4

17.♘e2 a5 18.♖c1 (18.♕xc6?! ♕xc6 (18...♗xe5 19.♖c1 ♘c4 20.♕xd5 (20.♕xa8 ♗f5 21.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 22.♗xf5 ♗f6∓) 20...♗e6 21.♕b5 ♖ab8 22.♖xc4 ♗xc4 23.♕xc4 ♖fc8 24.♕xc7 ♗xc7∓) 19.♘xc6 f6∓) 18...f6 19.♗h7+ ♔h8 20.♗d3= Δfxe5 21.fxe5 ♗xe5 (21...♗e7 22.♘f4=∞; 21...♖xf2 22.♖gf1 ♖xf1 23.♖xf1 ♗h3 24.♖f2=∞)

17...♘xa4 18.♕xa4 c5 19.dxc5 ♕xc5

19...♗xc5 20.♖d2±; 19...♗xe5 20.fxe5 ♕xc5 21.♖d2↑

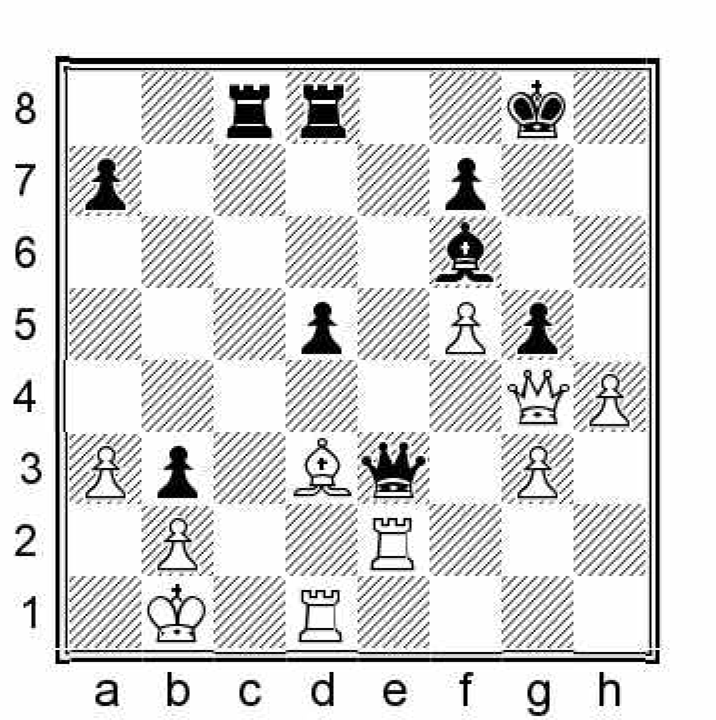
20.♘d7

20.♖d2!?

20...♗xd7 21.♕xd7 ♖fd8 22.♕f5 g6 23.♕g4 b3! 24.a3 ♗e7= 25.f5

25.♗xg6 fxg6 26.♕xg6+ ♔f8 27.♕xh6+ ♔g8 28.♕g6+ ♔f8=

25...g5 26.f4 ♗f6 27.fxg5 hxg5 28.♖g2 ♖ac8 29.h4□ ♕e3 30.♖e2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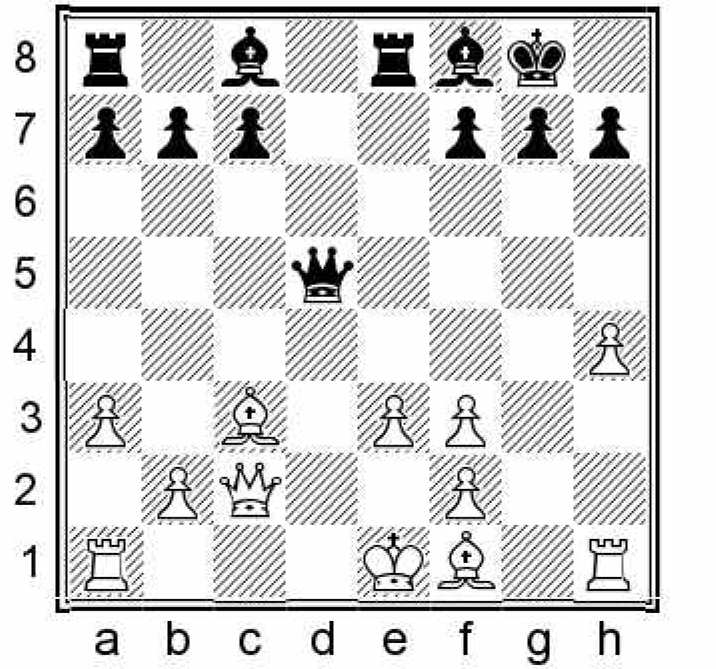
30...♖c1+! 31.♖xc1 ♕xd3+ 32.♔a1 ♕a6 33.♔b1 ♕d3+ 34.♔a1 ♕a6 35.♔b1 1/2-1/2

146. D38
Navara, David (2700) - Sarana, Alexey (2685)
Beograd 152/146, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♕a4+ ♘c6 6.e3 O-O 7.♕c2 ♖e8 8.♗d2 ♗f8 9.a3 e5 10.dxe5 ♘xe5 11.cxd5 ♘xf3+ 12.gxf3 ♘xd5 13.h4 ♘xc3 14.♗xc3 ♕d5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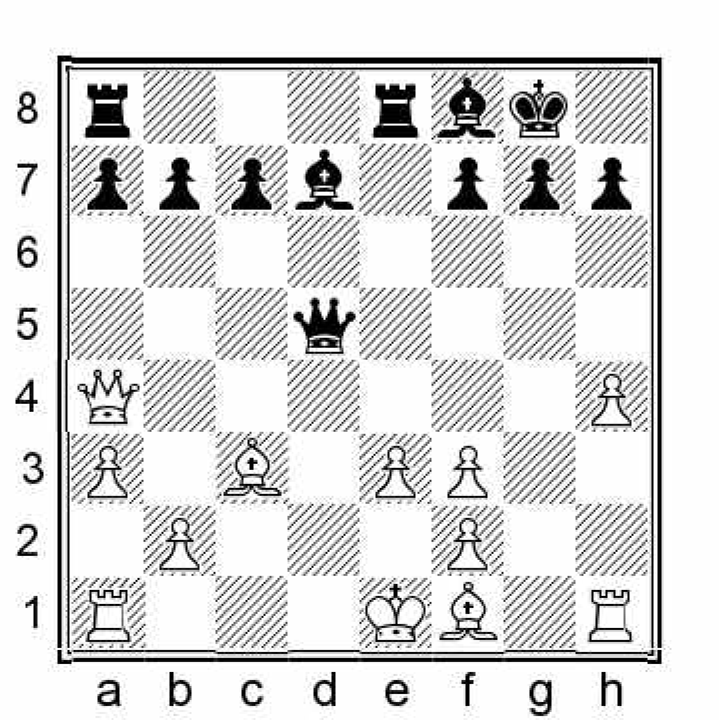
15.♕a4N

15.♗e2 - 145/125

15...♗d7



16.♕f4!

16.♖d1? ♕xf3-+; 16.♕d1 ♗c6 17.♕xd5 ♗xd5 18.♗e2 g6=

16...♗d6 17.♗c4 ♗xf4

17...♕f5 18.♕xf5 (18.♕g5 ♗e5=) 18...♗xf5 19.♖d1 ♗e5 20.♗xe5 ♖xe5 21.♔e2 ♖ae8=

18.♗xd5 c6 19.♗e4 ♗h6

19...♗e5 20.O-O-O ♖ad8 21.♗xe5 ♖xe5 22.♖d4 ♔f8 23.♖hd1 ♔e7 24.♗c2 g6=

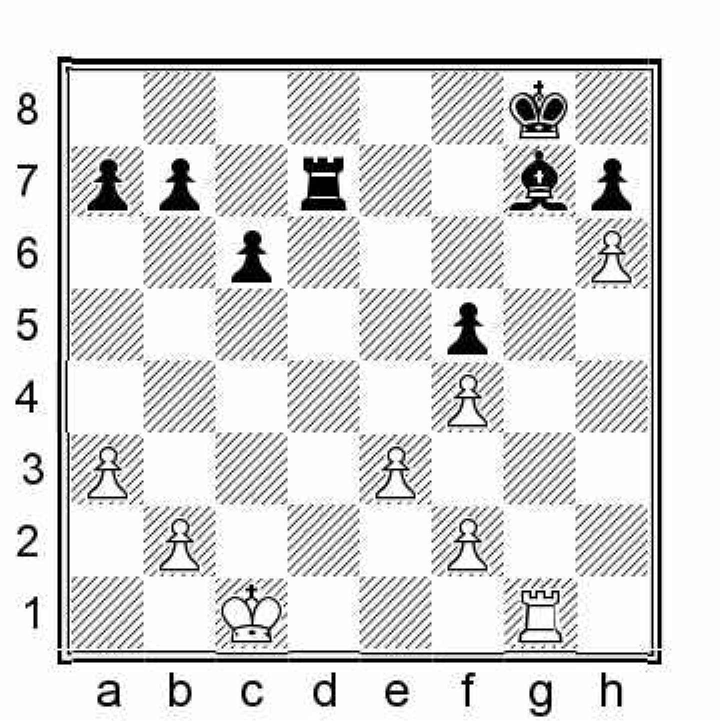
20.O-O-O ♖ad8 21.h5

21.♗d4!?

21...♗e6 22.♖xd8 ♖xd8 23.f4 f5 24.♗c2 ♗d5?!

24...♔f7

25.♖g1 ♗e4 26.♗b3+ ♗d5 27.♗xd5+ ♖xd5 28.♗xg7 ♗xg7 29.h6 ♖d7



30.♖g5! ♔h8

30...c5!?

31.hxg7+ ♖xg7 32.♖xf5 ♖g2 33.♖f7

33.f3!

33...♖g7 34.♖f8+ ♖g8 35.♖f7 ♖g7 36.♖f5 ♖g2 37.f3! ♖f2

37...♖e2!?

38.♖g5 ♖xf3 39.♔d2 ♖f2+ 40.♔d3 h6 41.♖g1 a5?!

41...c5

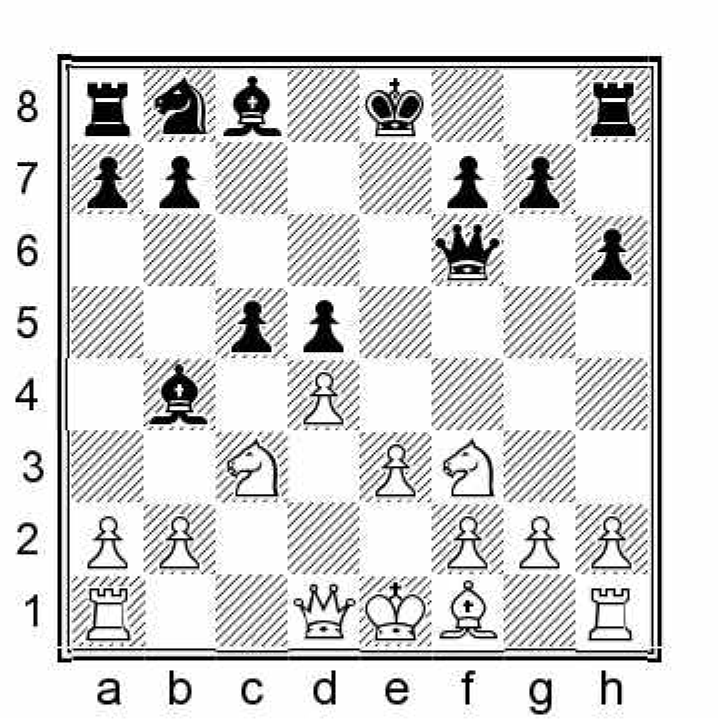
42.♔e4 ♖xb2 43.f5

43.♔f5+-

43...b5 44.f6+- ♖f2 45.♔e5 b4 46.axb4 axb4 47.e4 b3 48.♔e6 b2 49.e5 c5 50.♔f7 ♖g2 51.♖h1 ♔h7 52.e6 c4 53.e7 ♖e2 54.e8=♕ ♖xe8 55.♔xe8 c3 56.f7 c2 57.♖xh6+ 1-0

147. D38
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767) - Yu, Yangyi (2713)
Beograd 152/147, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.e3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5



9.♗d3N

9.♗e2 - 80/(443)

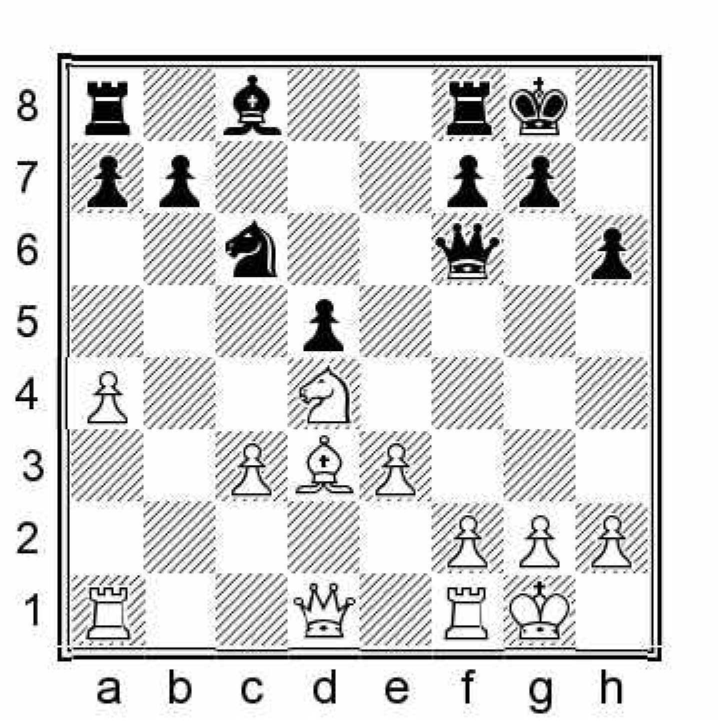
9...cxd4 10.♘xd4

10.♗b5+ ♘c6 11.♕xd4 ♕xd4 12.♘xd4 ♗d7 13.♘e2 ♗e6 14.O-O ♔e7=

10...♘c6 11.O-O

11.♕b3!?

11...♗xc3 12.bxc3 O-O 13.a4



13...♘e5

13...♘a5!?; 13...b6!?

14.♗e2 ♖d8

14...♗e6 15.♖b1 (15.♕b3 ♖ab8 16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.f4 ♘c6 18.e4 ♔h8=) 15...♖ab8 16.♖b5 ♖fc8=

15.♕b3

15.a5!?

15...♕g6

15...♖b8 16.a5 ♗g4 17.♗xg4 ♘xg4 18.h3 ♘e5 19.♖fd1 ♘c4=

16.♔h1

16.♕b1

16...♖b8 17.a5 ♗g4 18.f3

18.h3 ♗xe2 19.♘xe2 ♕a6 20.♘f4 ♕c4=

18...♗f5 19.♖fd1 ♘c6= 20.♖d2

20.♘xf5 ♕xf5 21.f4 ♕f6 22.♗f3 ♘e7=

20...♕g5 21.♖b2?!

21.♘xf5 ♕xf5=; 21.f4 ♘xd4 22.♖xd4 ♕e7 23.♗d3 (23.♖xd5 ♖xd5 24.♕xd5 ♗e4⩱) 23...♗xd3 24.♖xd3 b5=

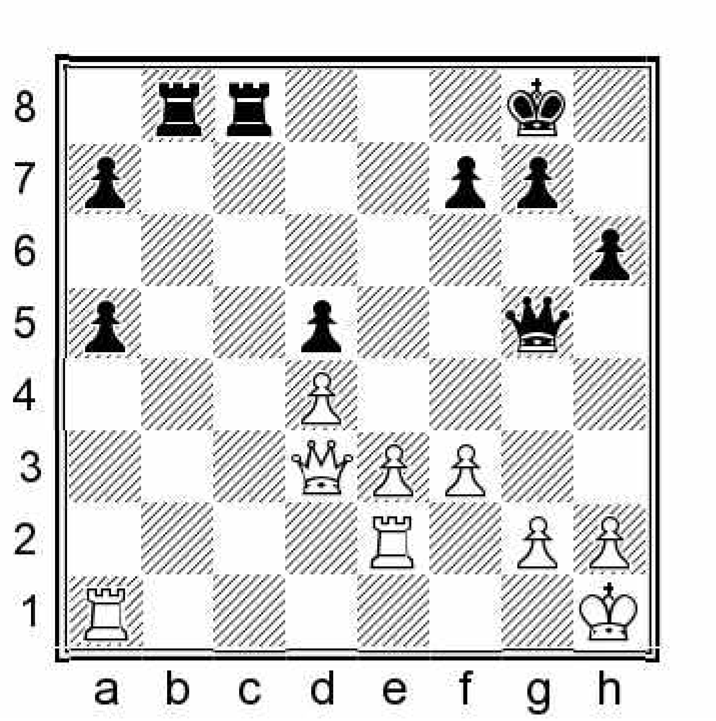
21...♘xd4

21...♗g6!?

22.cxd4 b6

⌓22...b5

23.♗d3 ♗xd3 24.♕xd3 bxa5 25.♖e2 ♖dc8



26.♕a6! ♖c3 27.♕xa5 ♖bc8

27...♖xe3 28.♖xe3 ♕xe3 29.♕xa7 ♖c8 30.h3=

28.♖ae1 ♖c2 29.h3 ♖xe2 30.♖xe2 ♕g3 1/2-1/2

148. D38
Nanu, Ciprian Costica (2513) - Parligras, Mircea Emilian (2575)
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1.c4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗h4

7.♗xf6 - 147/140

7...♘bd7

7...O-O 8.e3 ♗f5 9.♘d2 g5 10.♗g3 c5!? - 144/135

8.e3

8.♘d2!? - 139/157

8...g5 9.♗g3 ♘e4 10.♘d2 ♘xg3 11.hxg3

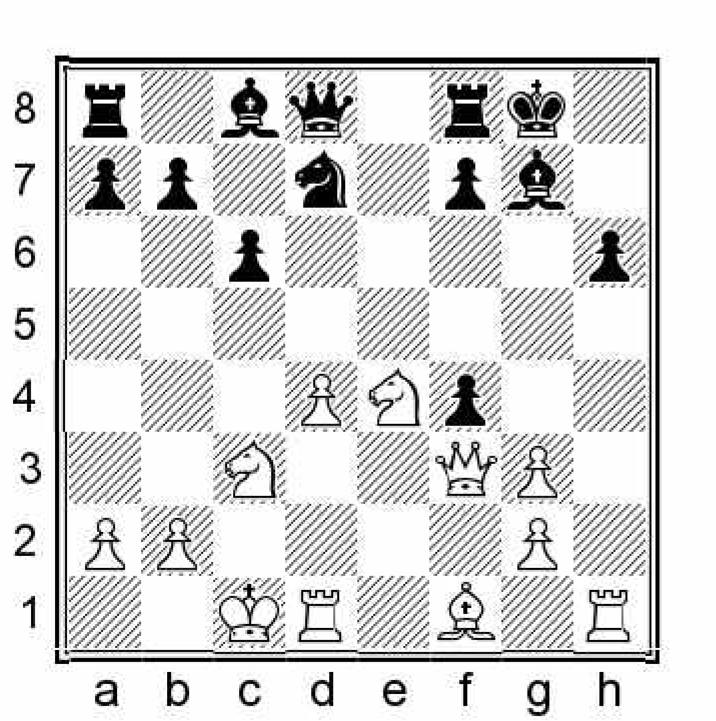
11.fxg3 ♘b6 12.♗d3 ♕e7 13.♕f3 h5 14.O-O ♗g4 15.♕f2 O-O-O 16.♖ac1 ♔b8∞ - 121/(138)

11...♘b6

11...c6 12.a3 (12.♕b3 ♕e7 13.a3 ♗d6 14.♗d3 ♘f6 15.♕c2 ♗g4 16.♗f5 ♗xf5 17.♕xf5 ♕e6=) 12...♗d6!? 13.e4 (13.♗d3 ♘b6 Δ Be6∞) 13...dxe4 14.♘dxe4 ♘b6 15.♕f3 ♗e7 16.O-O-O ♔f8 17.g4 ♕c7∞

12.a3

12.♗d3 ♗e6 13.a3 ♗d6 14.♕c2 c6 15.♗f5 ♕f6 16.g4 O-O-O⇄; 12.♕c2 ♗e6 13.♘b3 (13.♗d3 c6 14.O-O-O ♕f6⇄) 13...c6 14.a3 ♗d6 15.♘c5 ♗xc5 16.dxc5 ♘d7 17.♘e2 ♕f6 18.♘d4 h5∞; 12.♕b3 ♗f8 13.O-O-O (13.e4 dxe4 14.♕b5+ ♘d7 15.O-O-O ♗g7 16.♘dxe4 O-O 17.f4 c6 18.♕d3 gxf4 19.♕f3



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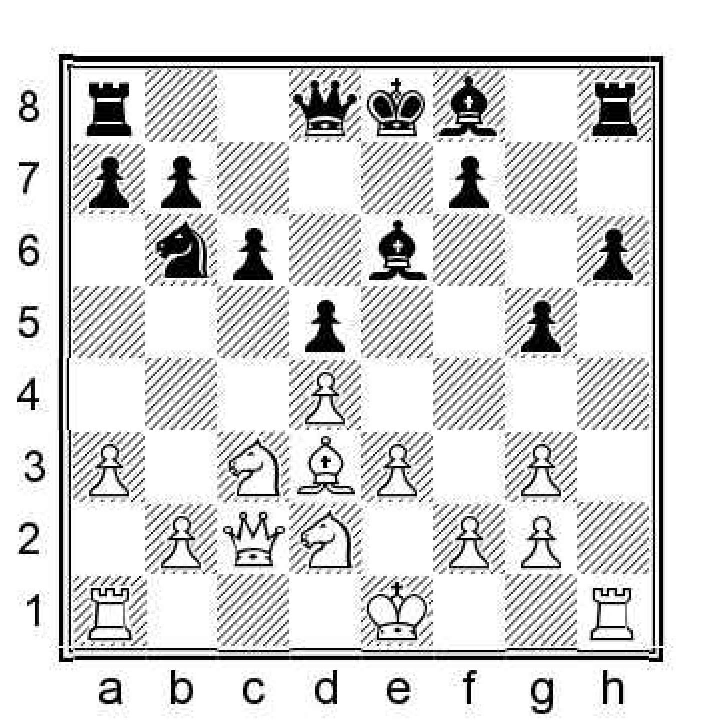
12...♗f8!?

12...♗d6 13.♕c2 (13.e4 dxe4 14.♘dxe4 ♕e7 15.♗b5+ c6 16.♕e2 ♔f8 17.♘xd6 ♕xd6 18.♗d3 ♗e6 19.O-O-O ♗d5=) 13...♗e6 14.e4 dxe4 15.♘dxe4 c6 16.O-O-O ♕e7 17.♘xd6+ (17.♗e2 ♗c7 18.♘c5 O-O-O 19.♖he1 h5!?⇄) 17...♕xd6 18.♘e4 ♕e7 19.♕c5 ♘d5 (19...♕xc5+ 20.dxc5 ♘d7 21.♘xg5 ♗d5 22.♘h3 ♘xc5 23.♘f4±) 20.♖e1!? (20.♗c4 ♔d7! 21.♘c3 ♘xc3 22.♗xe6+ ♕xe6 23.♕xc3 ♖he8 24.♔b1 ♔c7 25.d5 ♕g6+ 26.♔a2 ♖ad8=) 20...♔d7 21.♕c2 ♔c7 22.♗c4↑

13.♗d3 c6 14.♕c2

14.b4 a5 15.bxa5 (15.b5 c5⇄) 15...♖xa5 16.♕b3 ♗e7 17.a4 ♔f8 18.f3 h5⇄

14...♗e6



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15.f4 ♕e7 16.O-O-O O-O-O 17.♔b1 ♔b8∞; 15.O-O-O ♕e7 (15...♕f6!? 16.f4 O-O-O 17.f5 ♗d7 18.g4 ♔b8 19.♘f3 c5⇄) 16.♘b3 (16.♗f5 O-O-O 17.g4 ♔b8 18.♔b1 ♗g7 19.♘e2 ♖c8 20.♖c1 ♕d7 21.♘b3 ♗xf5 22.gxf5 h5⇄) 16...O-O-O 17.♘c5 ♔b8 18.♔b1 ♗g7 (18...h5!?) 19.♖c1 h5 20.♘3a4 ♖h6!?

15...♘xa4 16.♕xa4 h5 17.b4

17.O-O-O h4 18.♔b1 ♖g8 19.♖c1 hxg3 20.fxg3 ♕b6 (20...♕d7 21.e4! dxe4 22.♗xe4↑) 21.♖c3 (21.e4 O-O-O) 21...♗e7 22.♘f3 ♗f6 (22...♕c7 23.e4 dxe4 24.♗xe4 ♗f6 25.♖f1↑) 23.♖h6 ♗g7 24.♖h5 ♗f6 25.♖h7 ♕c7⇄

17...a5

17...a6!? 18.♕c2 ♕f6 19.♘b3 ♖h6 20.♘c5 ♗c8∞

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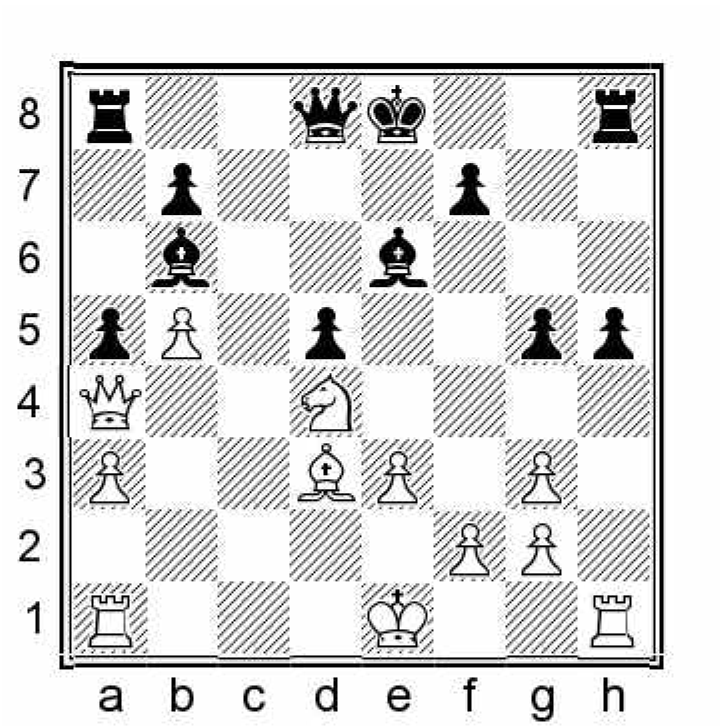

21...♕f6

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22.♖c1 h4↑ 23.♘xe6

23.gxh4 gxh4 24.♘e2 h3 25.g3 ♕f3 26.♖h2 ♔e7 27.♘f4 (27.♕f4 ♕h5! 28.♘d4 ♖ac8 29.♖d1 ♗xd4! 30.♕xd4 ♗g4 31.♖b1 ♗f3∓) 27...d4! 28.exd4 ♖ad8↑

23...fxe6 24.gxh4 ♖xh4

24...♖f8! 25.O-O (25.♕c2 gxh4 26.♖h3 ♔e7 27.♖f3 ♕h8 28.♖h3 ♖ac8∓) 25...♖h8 26.g3 ♔d7! Δ gh4→

25.♖xh4 gxh4 26.♕g4 ♔d7 27.a4

27.♗e2 ♖f8 28.♗f3 h3! 29.♕xh3 ♖h8 30.♕g4 ♖h1+ 31.♔d2 ♖xc1 32.♔xc1 ♕c3+ 33.♔d1 ♗c5! 34.♕a4 ♕d3+ 35.♔e1 ♗xa3 36.b6+ ♔d8∓

27...♖f8 28.♖c2 ♔d6!∓ 29.g3?

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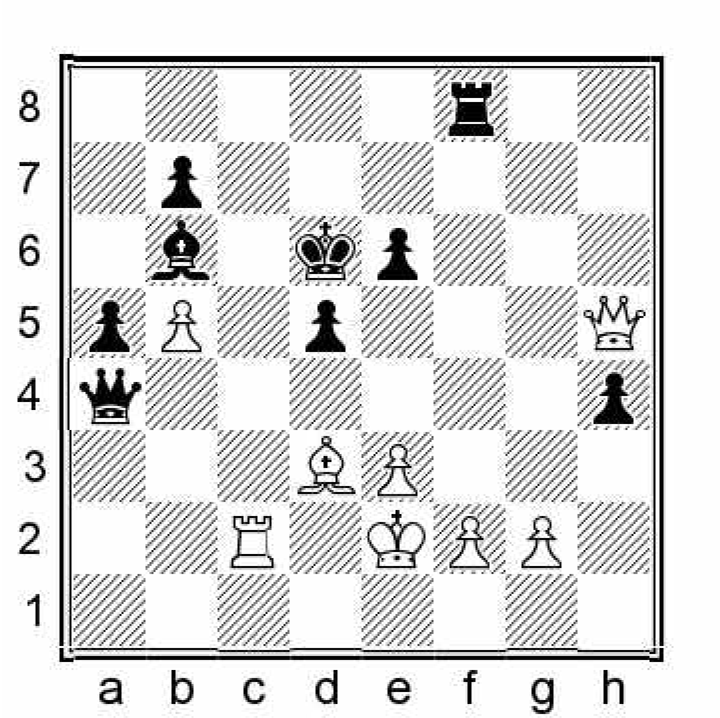

31.♕g5! ♕a1 32.♕xh4 ♕g7 33.g3 e5∓) 30.♔d1 ♗c5 31.♗g6! ♖f8 (31...♕a1+?! 32.♔e2 ♖f8 33.♕xh4∞) 32.♕h7 b6 33.♗d3 ♕a1+ 34.♔e2 ♕g1 35.♕xh4 ♕xg2∓

29...♕a1+ 30.♕d1

30.♔e2 ♕g1-+

30...♕xd1+ 31.♔xd1 hxg3 32.fxg3 ♗xe3 33.♖h2 ♖f2

33...♖f3 34.b6 ♖xg3 35.♖h7 ♗xb6 36.♗b5 e5-+

34.♖xf2 ♗xf2 35.g4 ♗h4 36.b6 ♗d8-+ 37.♔e2 e5 38.♗f5 e4 39.♗c8 ♔c6 40.♗e6 ♗xb6 41.g5 ♗d4 42.g6 ♔d6 43.♗c8 b5 44.axb5 a4 45.b6 a3 46.b7 ♔c7 0-1

149. D43
Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704) - Shirov, Alexei (2704)
Beograd 152/149, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♕d3 b6 6.cxd5

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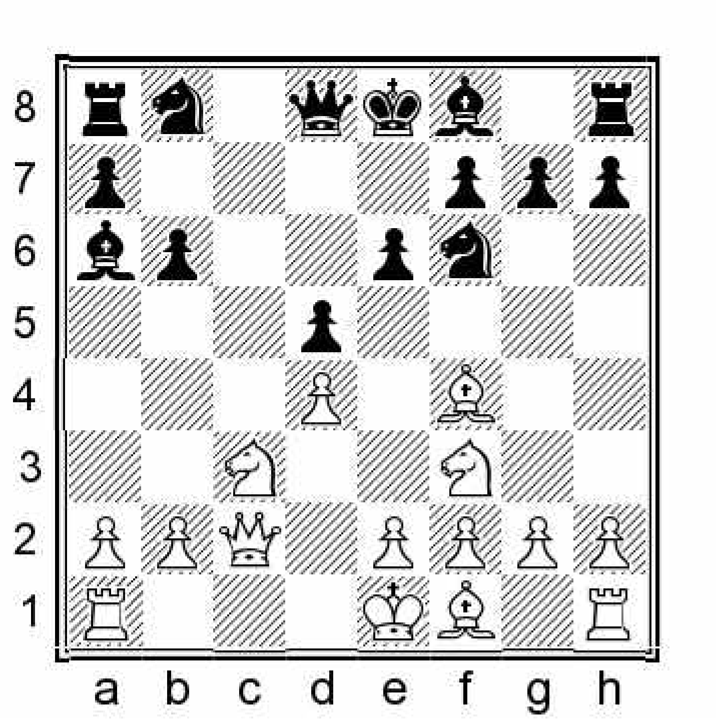
6...♗a6 7.♕c2 cxd5 8.♗f4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8...♕c8

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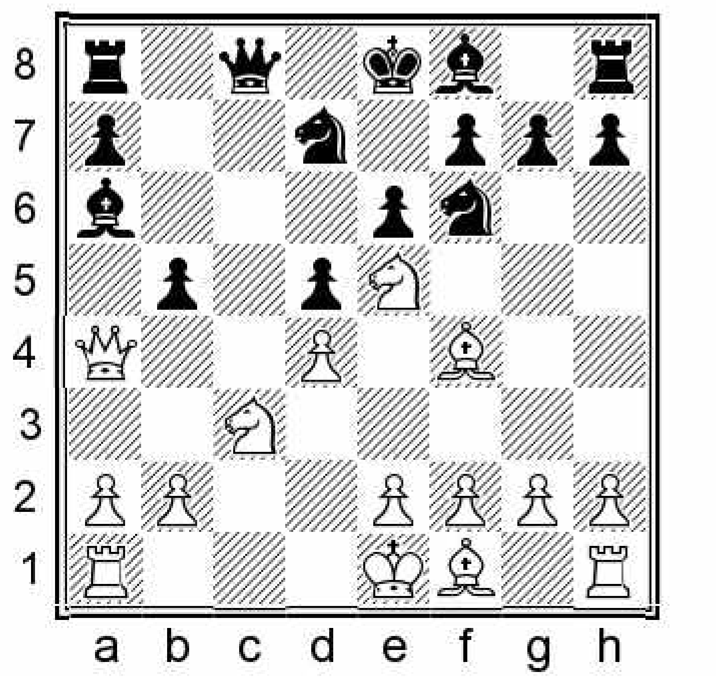
10.♘e5 b5?!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10...♕b7 11.♘xd7 ♘xd7 12.♘b5 (12.e4 ♗xf1 13.♖xf1 dxe4 14.d5 ♖c8 (14...exd5 15.O-O-O ♖c8 16.♔b1≅↑) 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.♖d1 ♗e7 17.♕xe4 ♕xe4+ 18.♘xe4=) 12...♗xb5 13.♕xb5 ♗e7=

11.♕a5!

11.♕d1?! b4 12.♘a4 ♕b7↑; 11.♘xb5 ♗xb5 12.♕xb5 ♖b8 13.♕c6 ♕xc6 14.♘xc6 ♖b6 (14...♖xb2 15.f3↑) 15.♘xa7 (15.♖c1 ♖xb2=) 15...♗b4+ 16.♔d1 O-O⯹

11...b4 12.♘b5 ♗xb5 13.♕xb5± ♕c2

⌓13...a6 14.♕a4 ♕b7±

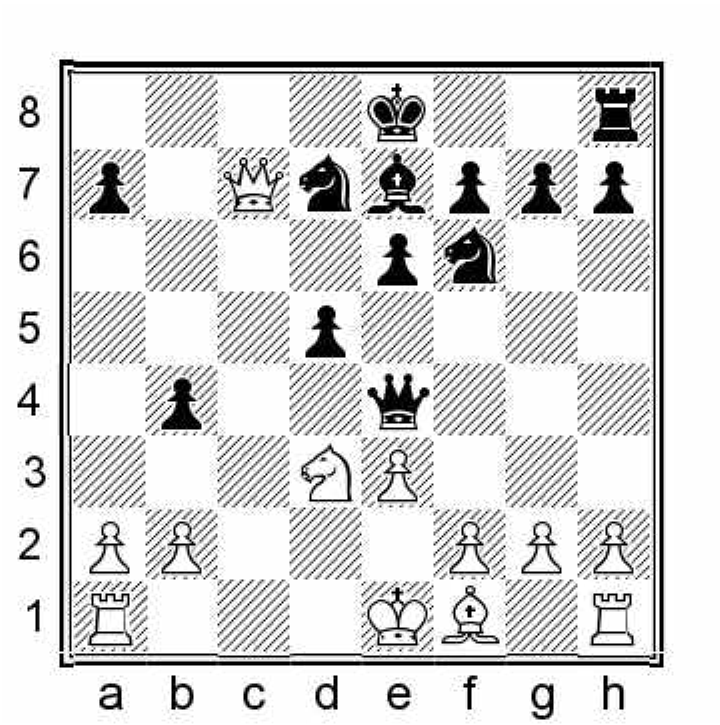
14.♘d3 ♕c4 15.♕a4! ♕xd4 16.♕c6

16.♖c1!?

16...♖d8 17.♗c7 ♖c8 18.♕b7 ♖xc7 19.♕xc7 ♗e7?!

19...♕b6 20.♖c1±

20.e3 ♕e4



20...♕b6 21.♖c1+-

21.♕xa7?!

21.♕c8+! ♗d8 22.♘c5 ♕c2 23.♘b7 ♕xc8 24.♘d6+ ♔f8 25.♘xc8 a5 26.♗b5+-

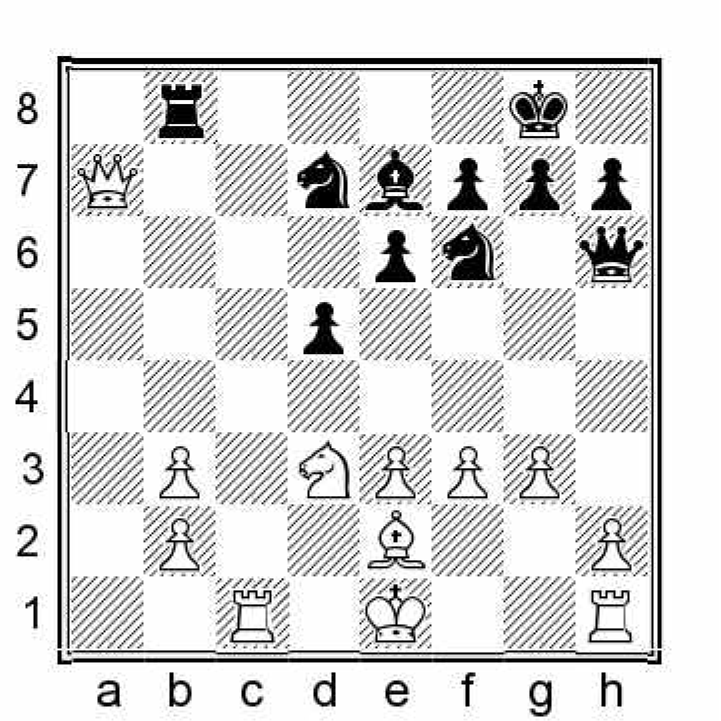
21...O-O 22.♖c1 b3

⌓22...♗d6

23.axb3 ♖b8?!

23...e5

24.f3 ♕h4+ 25.g3 ♕h6 26.♗e2+-



26...g6?!

26...♖d8!?

27.♘e5! ♖xb3 28.♘xd7 ♘xd7 29.♕xd7 ♗b4+ 30.♔f1 ♕xe3?

30...♕h3+ 31.♔f2

31.♖c7 1-0

150. D43
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679) - Bok, Benjamin (2624)
chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/150, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6

6.♗h4 - 149/144

6...♕xf6 7.e3

7.♕b3 - 147/143

7...g6

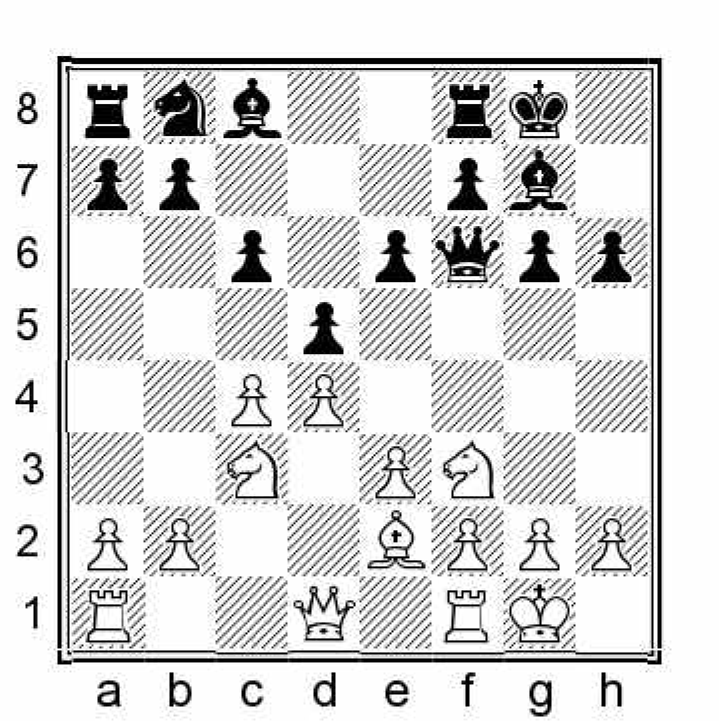
7...♘d7 8.♗d3 (8.♖c1 - 125/ 134, 135) 8...dxc4 9.♗xc4 g6 10.O-O ♗g7 11.e4 - 150/155

8.♗e2

8.♗d3 - 137/152

8.e4!? - 130/150

8...♗g7 9.O-O O-O



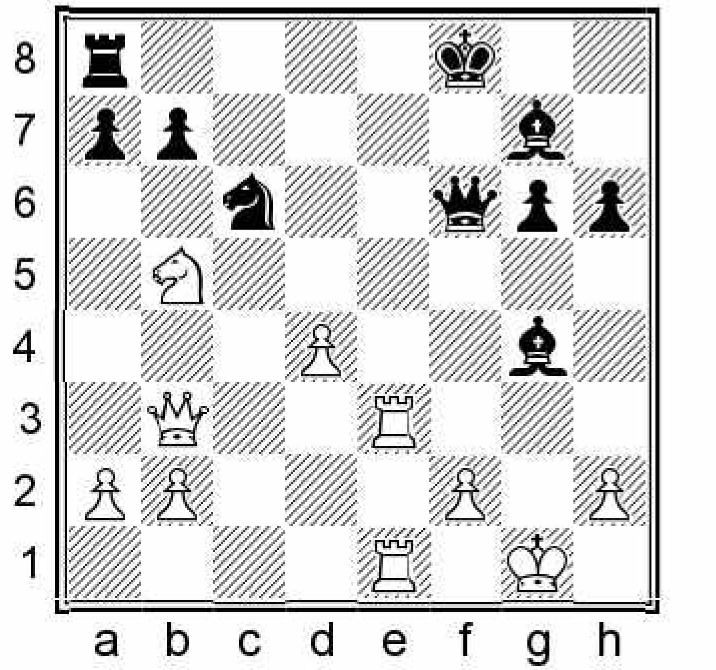
10.♘e5!?

10.b4 - 62/(464)

10.e4 - 111/(206)

10...♕e7!?

10...dxc4 11.f4 ♘d7 12.♗xc4 ♕e7 13.♘e4±; 10...c5 11.cxd5 cxd4 12.exd4 exd5 13.♗f3 (13.♖e1 ♗e6 14.♗f3 ♖d8 15.♕b3 ♘c6 16.♘xd5 ♕h4 17.g3 ♕xd4 18.♘xc6 bxc6 19.♖ad1 ♕xb2=) 13...♘c6 14.♖e1 ♕d6 15.♘xf7 (15.♘xd5 ♘xe5 16.dxe5 ♗xe5 17.h4 ♔g7 18.♕b3 ♖e8=) 15...♖xf7 16.♗xd5 ♗f5 (16...♕f8 17.♕b3 ♗xd4 18.♘e4=∞ Δ♗e5 19.f4! ♗d4+ 20.♔h1↑; 16...♕f4 17.♕b3 ♕xf2+ 18.♔h1 ♘xd4 19.♕c4 ♘e6 20.♖xe6 ♗xe6 21.♗xe6 ♔h8 22.♗xf7 ♕xb2 23.♖b1 ♕xc3 24.♕xc3 ♗xc3 25.♖xb7 g5 26.g3 a5=) 17.g4 ♗d7 18.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 19.♘b5 ♕f6 20.♕b3+ ♔f8 21.♖e3 ♗xg4 22.♖ae1

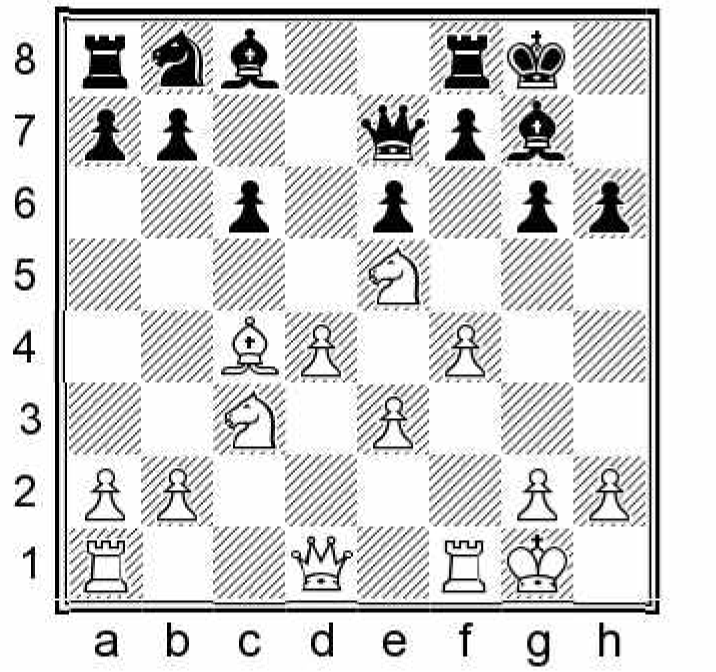


22...♗d7! (Matlakov,Maxim) (22...♗f5? 23.♘c7+-) 23.♖f3 ♗f5 24.♘c7 ♘xd4 25.♕a3+ ♔g8 26.♘xa8 ♘xf3+ 27.♕xf3 ♕d8 28.♕xb7 ♔h7 29.♖e7 ♕d1+=

11.f4 dxc4

11...♘d7 12.♕b3 ♘xe5 (12...dxc4 13.♘xc4 b6 14.♗f3 ♗b7 15.♘a5! bxa5 16.♕xb7 ♖ab8 17.♕xa7 ♖fc8 18.♘e4 ♕d8 19.♖f2⩲; 12...g5 13.♖ae1 gxf4 14.exf4 ♘xe5 15.dxe5 f6 16.exf6 ♕xf6 17.♔h1 ♕d4 18.♖d1 ♕b6 19.♕c2⩲) 13.fxe5 b6 (13...♗d7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.e4⩲) 14.a4 Δ a5±

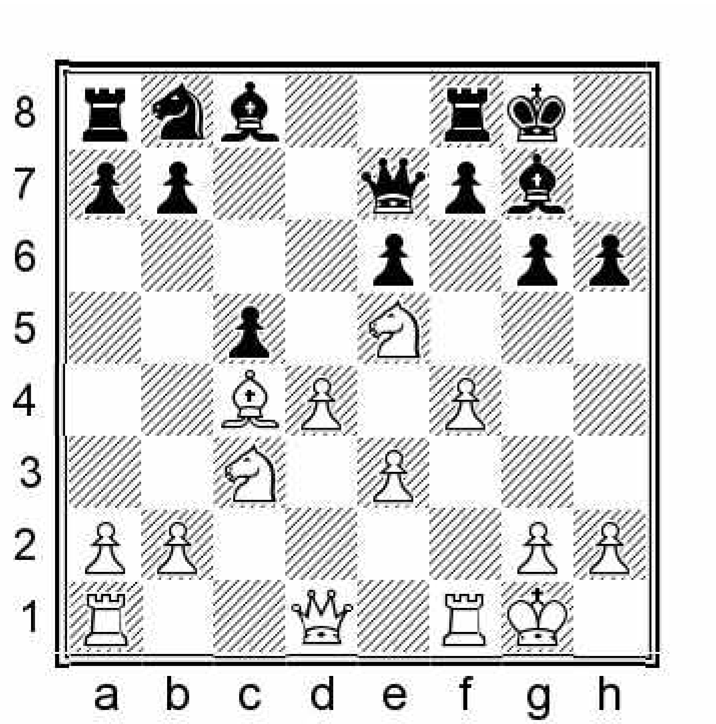
12.♗xc4



12.♘e4 b6 13.♖c1 (13.♘xc4 ♖d8 14.♕c2 ♗b7 15.♗f3 ♘a6∞ 16.a3?! c5∓) 13...♗b7 14.♗f3 (14.♖xc4 c5⇄ 15.dxc5 ♗d5 16.♖d4 ♘c6 17.♘xg6 fxg6 18.♖xd5 exd5 19.♕xd5+ ♔h7 20.♕xc6 ♖ac8 21.♕a4 bxc5 22.♗d3 ♖b8∓) 14...♘a6 15.♖xc4 c5⇄; 12.♘xc4!? ♘a6!? (12...c5 13.d5 exd5 14.♘xd5 ♕d8 15.♗f3 ♗e6 16.♘d6! ♕d7 17.♘xb7 ♘a6 18.f5!? gxf5 19.♘f4 ♖ab8 20.♕xd7 ♗xd7 21.♖ad1↑) 13.♗f3 (13.e4 ♖d8 14.e5 ♘c7 15.♘e4 ♘b5∞) 13...♖d8 14.a3 ♘c7 15.♕e2 ♘d5 16.♘e5 c5 17.♖ad1 cxd4 18.♘xd5 exd5 19.exd4 (19.♖xd4 ♗f5⇄) 19...h5 20.g4 hxg4 21.♗xg4 ♕h4⇄

12...♖d8N

⌓12...c5



13.d5 (13.♘e4?! cxd4 14.♕xd4 ♘c6∓; 13.♕e2 cxd4 14.exd4 ♘c6 15.♖ad1 ♗d7 16.♔h1 ♖ad8 17.♘xc6 bxc6 18.f5 gxf5 19.♖xf5 ♗c8 20.♖f4 ♔h8 21.♕e3 (21.♗b3 f5 22.♕c4 e5 23.dxe5 ♖xd1+ 24.♗xd1 ♕xe5 25.♖f1 c5⇄) 21...f5 22.♖df1 ♕f6 23.♘e2 c5 24.dxc5 ♕xb2∞) 13...♗xe5 14.fxe5 exd5 15.♘xd5 ♕xe5 16.♕f3 ♘d7! (16...♗e6 17.♘f6+ ♔g7 18.♗xe6 ♕xe6 19.♕xb7 ♘c6 20.♘d7 ♘a5 21.♕b5 ♖fd8 22.♘xc5 ♕b6 23.a4 ♕xb5 24.axb5 ♘c4 25.e4±) 17.♖ad1 (17.♖f2 ♖b8 18.♖af1 b5 19.♕xf7+ ♖xf7 20.♖xf7 ♔h8 21.♘e7 ♕xe3+ 22.♔h1 bxc4 23.♘xg6+ ♔g8 24.♘e7+) 17...♔g7 18.a4 ♖b8 (18...♕xb2? 19.♘c7 ♖b8 20.♘e8++-) 19.♖f2 a6 (19...b6 20.♗b5 a6 21.♗c6 c4 22.♗xd7 ♗xd7 23.♘xb6 ♗e6 24.♘d7 ♗xd7 25.♖xd7 ♕e6=) 20.♖df1 (20.a5) 20...b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.♕xf7+ ♖xf7 23.♖xf7+ ♔h8 24.♘e7 ♕xe3+ 25.♔h1 bxc4 26.♘xg6+ ♔g8 27.♘e7+ ♕xe7 28.♖xe7 ♘f6 29.♖xf6 c3 30.♖e8+ ♔g7 31.♖ff8 cxb2 32.♖g8+=

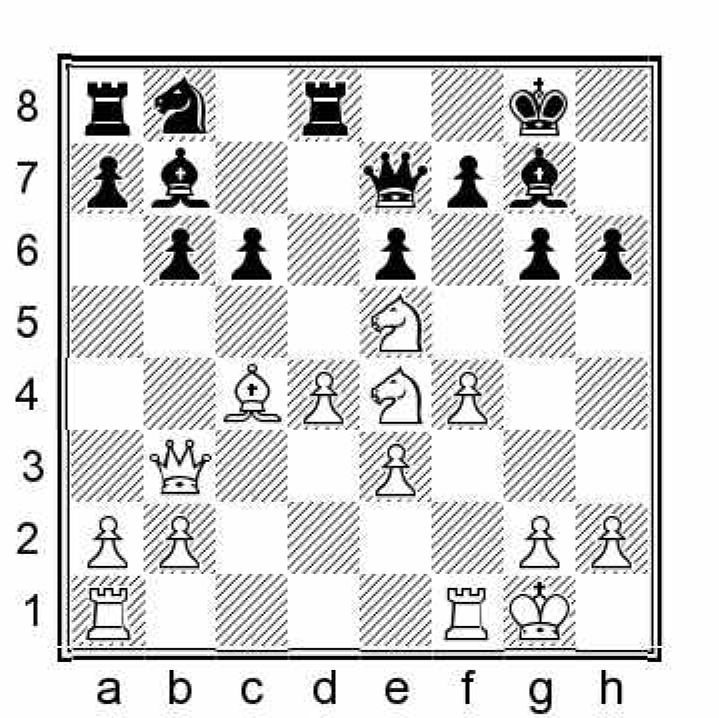
13.♘e4↑ b6

13...♘d7 14.♕b3 ♘b6 15.♖f2 ♘d5 (15...♘xc4 16.♕xc4 ♔h7 17.♖af1 f6 18.♕c2! f5 (18...fxe5? 19.fxe5 ♖f8 20.♖xf8 ♗xf8 21.♘d6+-; 18...♗d7)) 16.g4↑; 13...♖f8 14.♕f3 ♘d7 15.♗d3↑ ♘f6 16.♘c5 ♘d5 17.♖ac1 ♘b4 18.♗b1 b6 19.♘e4 ♗a6 20.♖fe1 Δ a3±

14.♕b3

14.♕f3! ♗b7 (14...♖f8 15.g4± Δ g5) 15.♕g4±

14...♗b7?



14...♔h7 15.h4 f5 16.h5 gxh5 17.♘g3±

15.♘xf7! ♔xf7 16.f5 gxf5 17.♖xf5+ ♔g6 18.♗xe6 ♗c8 19.♗xc8 ♖xc8 20.♘g3 ♖e8

20...♔h7 21.♖f7 ♕g5 22.♖af1+-

21.♕c2+- ♔h7 22.♖e5+ ♔h8 23.♖xe7 ♖xe7 24.♘f5 ♖f7 25.♘xg7 ♖xg7 26.♖f1 ♘d7 27.♕xc6 ♖ag8 28.♕xh6+ ♖h7 29.♕d6 ♖hg7 30.g3 b5 31.♖f5 ♖h7 32.♖xb5 ♘b6 33.♕f6+ ♖gg7 34.♖g5 ♔g8 35.♕e6+ ♔f8 36.♖f5+ ♖f7 37.d5 ♖xf5 38.♕xf5+ ♖f7 39.♕g5 ♘c4 40.e4 ♖e7 41.♕f6+ ♖f7 42.♕d8+ ♔g7 43.d6 ♔g6 44.d7 ♘e3 45.♕g8+ ♔f6 46.d8=♕+ 1-0

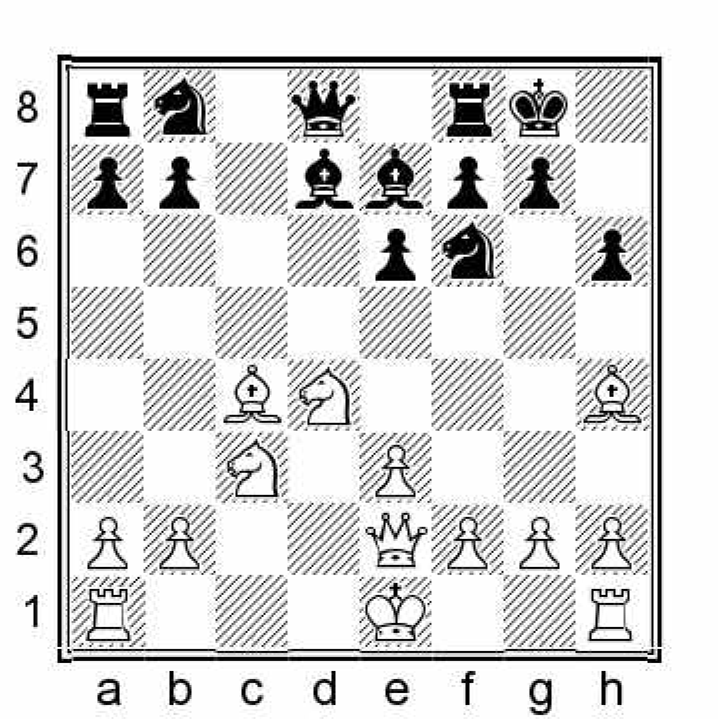
D50-D74

151. D53
Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2652) - Fressinet, Laurent (2630)
Deutschland 152/151, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.e3 h6 6.♗h4 dxc4 7.♗xc4 c5 8.♘f3 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♗d7 10.♕e2

10.O-O - 145/(138)

10...O-O



11.♖d1N

11.O-O ♘c6 12.♖fd1 ♕b6 13.♘f3 ♖fd8= - 143/(144)

11...♕c8

⌓11...♕b6 12.O-O (12.g4 ♘c6 13.g5 hxg5 14.♗xg5 ♖fd8 15.♖g1 ♗e8∓) 12...♘c6 13.♘f5!? exf5 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♖xd7 ♗xc3 16.bxc3 ♘e5 17.♖d5 ♘xc4 18.♕xc4 ♖ac8 19.♕b4 g6=

12.g4?!

12.O-O ♘c6 13.♘f3 ♖d8 14.e4±

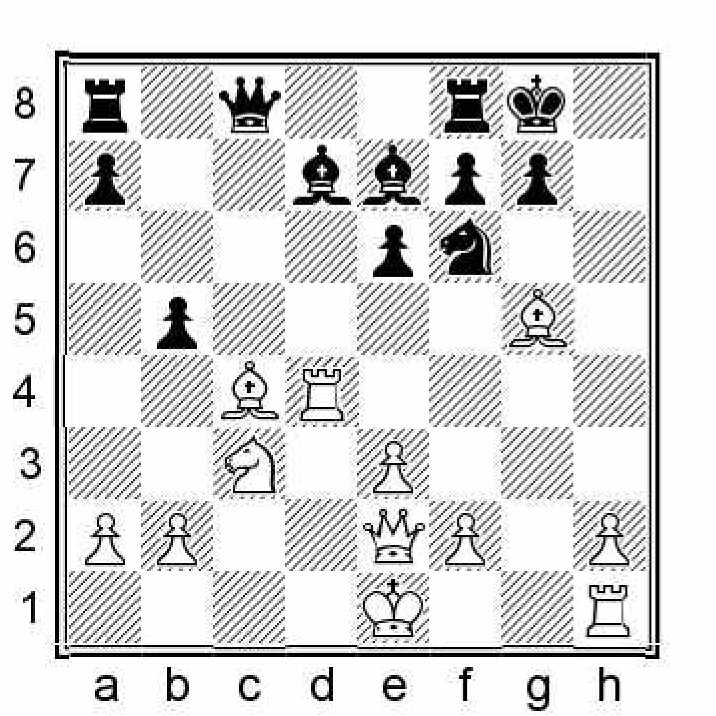
12...♘c6

12...e5 13.♘f5 ♗xf5 14.gxf5 ♕xf5 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♗d3 e4! 17.♘xe4 ♘c6=

13.g5 ♘xd4?!

13...♘h7! 14.gxh6 (14.♘f3 hxg5 15.♗g3 f5∓) 14...♗xh4 15.♕g4 (15.hxg7 ♖d8∓) 15...♗g5 16.hxg7 ♖d8∓

14.♖xd4 hxg5 15.♗xg5± b5



15...g6 16.♖h4 ♕c5 17.♖g1 ♖fd8 18.♕f3±

16.♗b3

16.♖g1! bxc4 (16...♖d8 17.♖f4+-) 17.♕f3 ♗c6 (17...♕d8 18.♕h3+-) 18.♗xf6! ♗xf3 19.♖xg7+ ♔h8 20.♖h4+ ♗h5 21.♖xh5#

16...b4 17.♘e4 ♘xe4

17...♕c1+ 18.♗d1 ♘xe4 19.♗xe7 ♖fe8 20.♗xb4 a5 21.♗a3 ♘f6 22.♖g1±

18.♗xe7 ♖e8 19.♗h4 ♗c6

19...♘c5 20.♖g1 ♘xb3 21.♖xg7+! ♔xg7 22.♕g4+ ♔f8 23.♗f6+-

20.♖g1+- e5

20...♗d5 21.f3 ♕c1+ 22.♗d1 ♘d6 23.♗f6 ♘f5 24.♖xg7+! ♘xg7 25.♖g4

21.♕h5 1-0

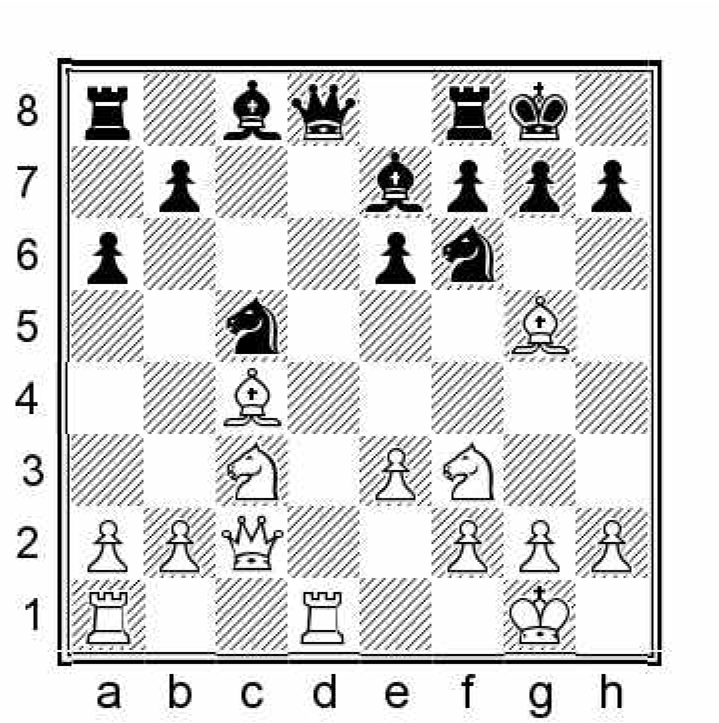
152. D60
Krysa, Leandro Sergio (2525) - Salinas Herrera, Pablo Patricio (2534)
San Salvador 152/152, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♗g5 ♘bd7 6.e3 ♗e7 7.♗d3 O-O 8.O-O dxc4 9.♗xc4 c5

9...♘d5 - 45/531

9...b5

10.dxc5 ♘xc5 11.♕c2 a6 12.♖fd1



12...♘cd7?!

12...♕e8! 13.a4 b6 14.♘e5 (14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.b4 ♘d7= (15...♗xc3? 16.♘g5!+- f5 (16...g6 17.♕xc3 ♘xa4 18.♕f6) 17.♕xc3 ♘xa4 18.♕e5)) 14...♗b7=

13.♘d4N

13.♗e2± b5? (13...b6? 14.♘e5+-) 14.a4 b4 15.♘e4+-; 13.♗d3

13...♕a5

⌓13...♕c7 14.♗e2 ♗d6

14.♗h4

14.♗f4 ♖e8 15.♘b3±

14...♘e5 15.♗e2 ♘g6

15...♗d7 16.♗g3±

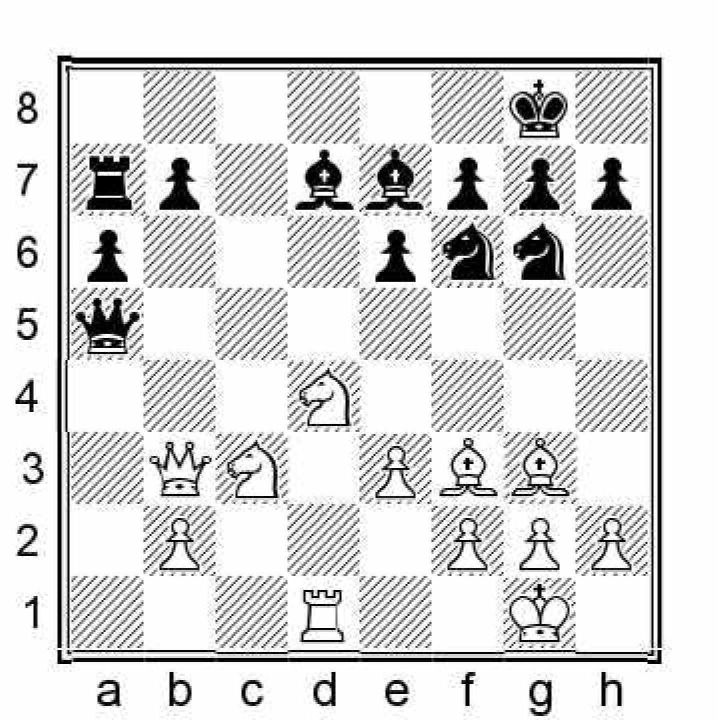
16.♗g3 ♗d7 17.♗f3± ♖a7

17...♕b6 18.♕b3±

18.♘b3 ♕b6 19.a4 ♖c8?!

19...e5 20.a5 ♕e6±

20.a5 ♕d8 21.♘d4 ♖c5 22.♕b3! ♖xa5 23.♖xa5 ♕xa5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24.♗b8!+- ♖a8 25.♕xb7 ♖xb8 26.♕xb8+ ♗f8 27.♗c6 ♕h5 28.♗xd7 ♘xd7 29.♕c8 ♘c5 30.♘c6 ♕g5 31.f4 ♕h4 32.b4 ♘b3 33.g3 ♕h3 34.♘e7+

34.♘e7+ ♘xe7 35.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 36.♖d8#

1-0

D75-D99

153. D85
Ivanisevic, Ivan (2601) - Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2651)
Beograd 152/153, 2022

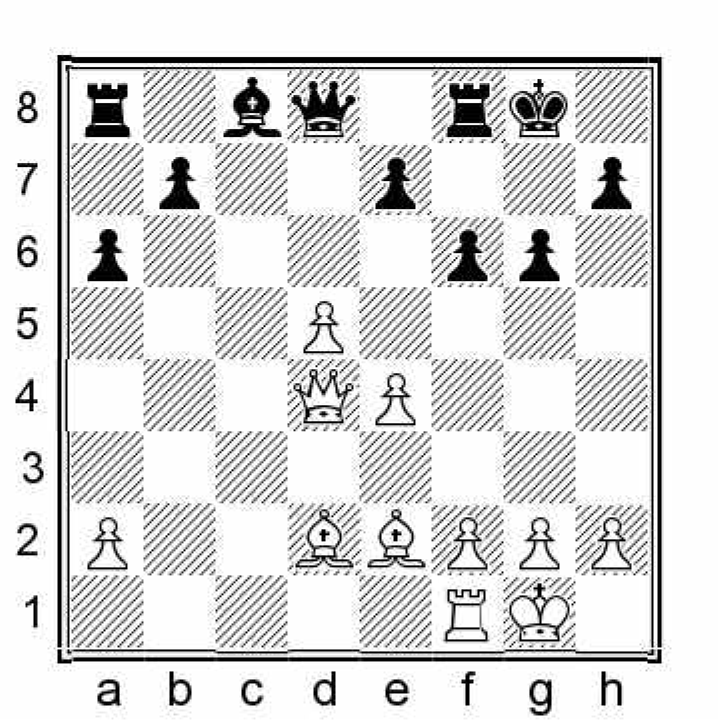
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗b5+ ♘c6 9.d5 a6

9...♕a5 - 150/163

10.♗e2 ♗xc3+ 11.♗d2 ♗xa1 12.♕xa1 ♘d4 13.♘xd4 cxd4 14.♕xd4 f6 15.O-O

15.h4 O-O (15...h5!?) 16.h5 g5∞

15...O-O



16.♗h6N

16.♗c4 b5 (16...♕d6 17.♖b1 b5 18.♗b4 ♕e5 19.♕xe5 fxe5 20.♗d3 ♖a7∞) 17.♗b3 a5 18.d6+ e6 19.♗h6 ♖f7∞

16...e5 17.♕b4

17.♕c5 ♖e8 18.a4 ♗d7 19.a5 ♗b5! 20.♗xb5 axb5 21.♕xb5 ♖xa5 22.♕xb7 ♕e7 23.♕b6 ♖ea8=

17...♖f7

17...♖e8 18.f4 b5 19.fxe5 ♖xe5 20.♕d4 ♕d6 (20...♗d7?! 21.d6±) 21.♗f4 ♗d7 22.♗xe5 fxe5 23.♕e3±

18.f4?!

18.a4 b5!? (18...a5 19.♕b3 ♕d6 20.♖b1 b6! 21.h3 (21.♕xb6? ♕xb6 22.♖xb6 ♖b7∓) 21...♗d7∞) 19.axb5 axb5 20.♕xb5 ♗a6 21.♕b2 ♗xe2 22.♕xe2 ♖fa7 23.h3 ♖a1=

18...b5

18...exf4! 19.♗xf4 ♗d7 20.a4 (20.♖e1 ♖c8∓) 20...b5⩱

19.h3

19.fxe5 fxe5 20.♖xf7 ♔xf7 21.h3 ♕b6+ 22.♔h2 ♗d7∞

19...♗d7 20.♔h2

20.fxe5 fxe5 21.♖xf7 ♔xf7 22.♕d6 ♕e7 23.♕b6 ♕d8 24.♕d6 ♕e7=

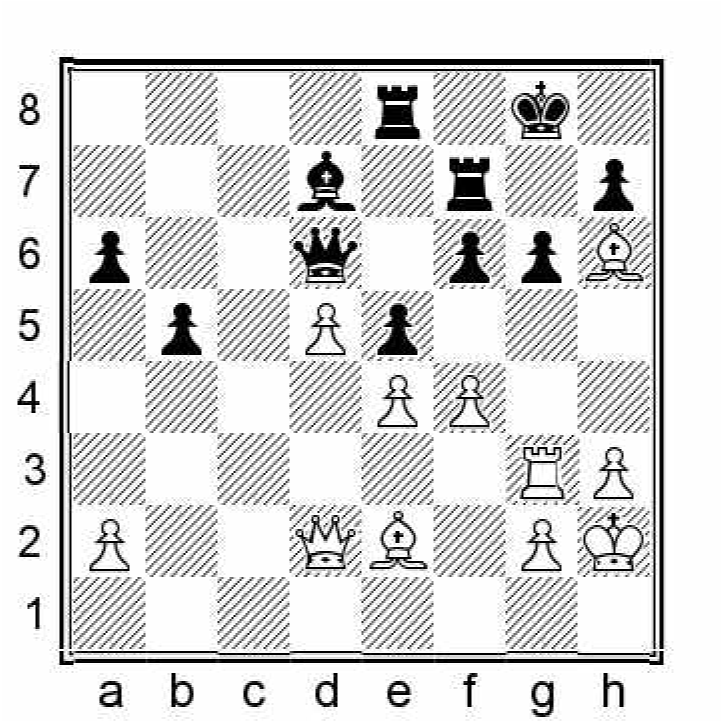
20...♕e7

20...exf4 21.♗xf4 ♕b6 22.♕d2 ♖c8 23.♗d1∞

21.♕d2 ♕d6 22.♖f3?!

22.fxe5 fxe5 23.♖b1 ♖c8∞

22...♖e8 23.♖g3?!



23.f5 ♔h8 24.♖g3 ♖g8 25.♕a5 ♗c8 26.fxg6 hxg6∓

23...f5! 24.fxe5 ♖xe5 25.♗f4 fxe4 26.♗xe5 ♕xe5 27.♗d1 ♖e7 28.♕e3 ♔g7 29.♔g1 b4

29...♕xd5 30.♗b3 (30.♕c3+ ♕e5-+) 30...♕e5-+

30.♗e2 ♗f5

30...a5-+

31.a3

31.♗xa6 ♖c7-+

31...a5-+ 32.h4 ♖c7 33.♕g5 ♖c3 34.♖xc3 bxc3 35.♕e3 c2 36.♕a7+ ♗d7

36...♔g8 37.♕a8+ ♔f7 38.♕b7+ ♔f8 39.♕a8+ ♕e8

37.♕xd7+ ♔h6 38.♕c8 ♕a1+ 39.♗f1 c1=♕ 40.♕f8+ ♔h5 41.d6 ♔g4 0-1

154. ** D85**
Bluebaum, Matthias (2642) - Ivic, Velimir (2610)
Terme Catez 152/154, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗b5+ ♘c6 9.O-O O-O 10.♗xc6

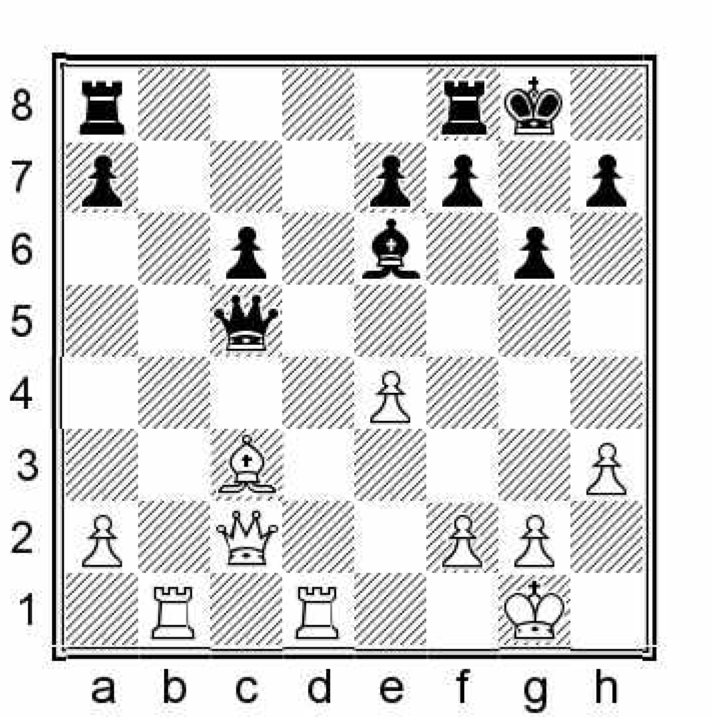
10.d5 - 144/152

10...bxc6 11.♕c2 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♗g4 13.♘e5 ♕xd4 14.♗b2 ♕b6 15.♖ab1 ♗xe5 16.♗xe5 ♕a5 17.♗c3 ♕c5N

17...♕a6

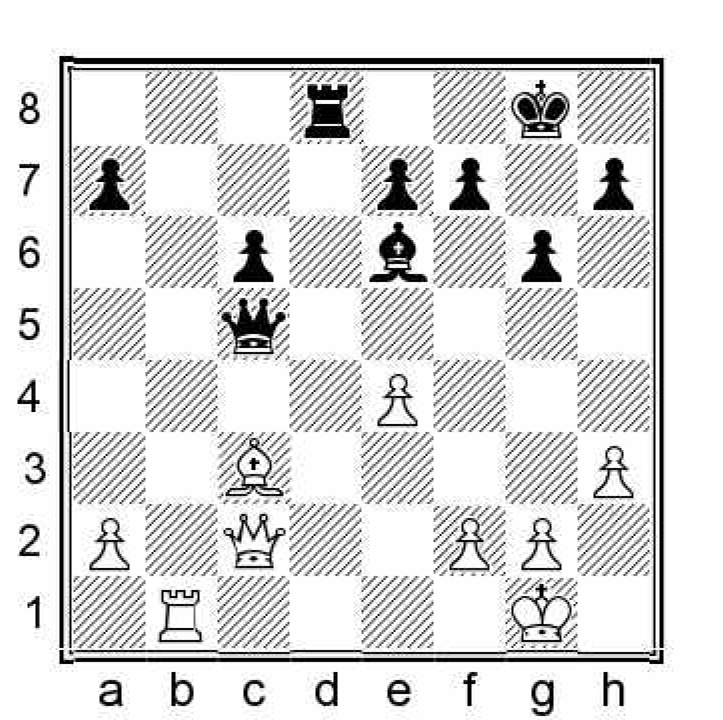
18.♕b2 - 152/154

18.h3N ♗e6 19.♖fd1

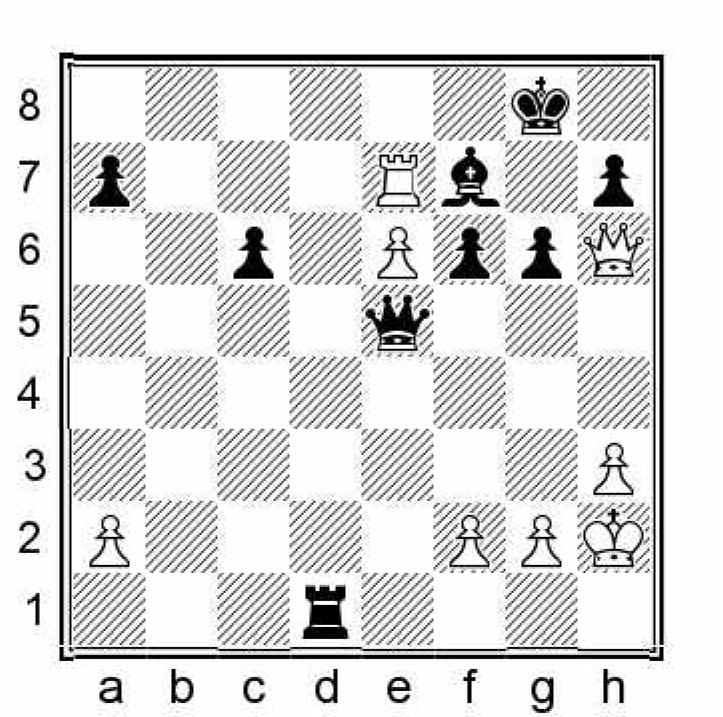


19...♖fd8?! (19...f6 20.♖b7 ♖fd8 (20...a5 21.♕b2 ♖a7 22.♖b8 ♖a8=) 21.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 22.♕b2 ♖d7

23.♖xd7 ♗xd7=) 20.♖xd8+ ♖xd8



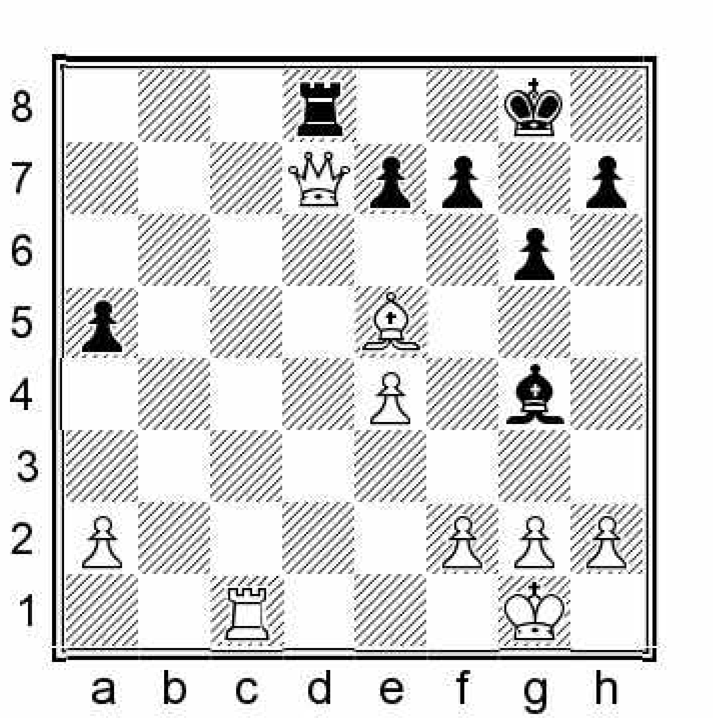
21.♕d2! ♕d6 22.♕h6 f6 23.e5 ♕d3 24.♖b7 ♕xc3? (24...♗d7 25.♗b2 ♕d5 26.♕h4 ♖f8 (26...g5?! 27.♕g3±) 27.♖xa7±) 25.♖xe7 ♗f7 26.e6 ♖d1+ 27.♔h2 ♕e5+ Dubov,D (2711)-Abdusattorov,N (2651) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/(154) 2022 (27...♕e5+



28.g3! ♕xe6 29.♖xe6 ♗xe6 30.♕e3 ♗d5 31.♕e8+ ♔g7 32.♕e7+ ♔g8 33.g4+-)

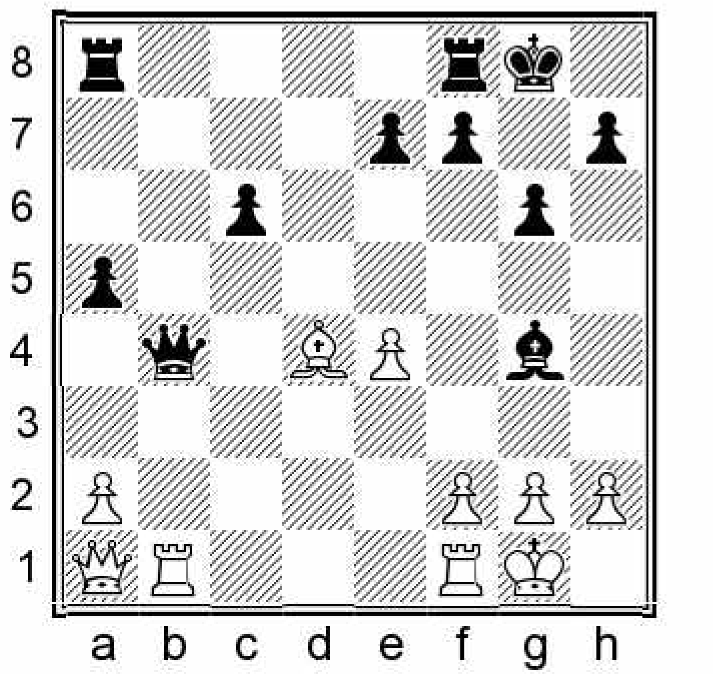
18...a5 19.♗d4 - 152/154

19.♖fc1N ♕d6 20.♗e5 ♕d7 21.♕c3 ♖fd8 22.♕xc6 ♖ac8 23.♕xd7 ♖xc1+ 24.♖xc1



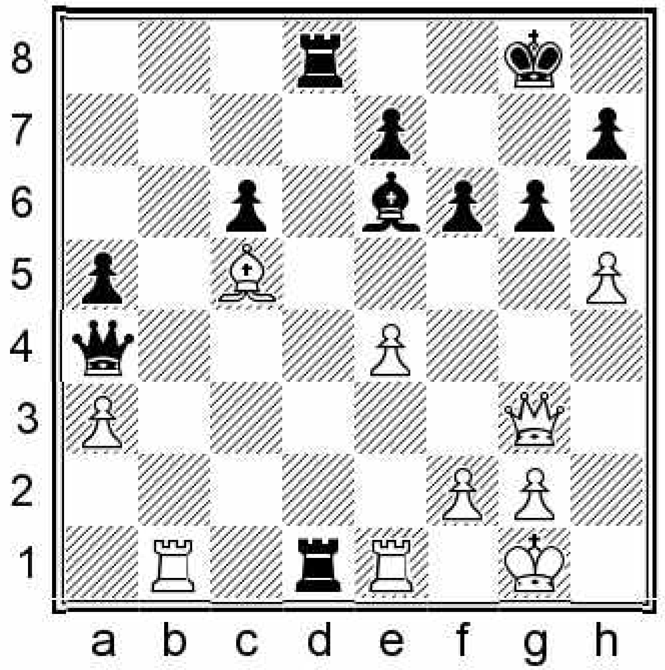
24...♗xd7= 25.♗c7 (25.♖d1 ♖c8=) 25...♖c8 26.♗f4 ♖xc1+ 27.♗xc1 f6 28.f3 ♔f7 29.a4 ♗xa4 30.♗d2 ♗b5 1/2 (30) Andreikin,D (2724) -Shankland,S (2708) Beograd 152/(154) 2022

19...♕b4 20.♕a1



20...♕d6N

20...♕a4 - 152/(154) 21.♗c5 ♖fe8 22.♖fe1 ♖ad8 23.♕e5 (23.a3!?) 23...f6 24.♕g3 ♗e6 25.a3 ♖d7 26.h4 ♖ed8 27.h5 (27.e5 ♕g4=) 27...♖d1



28.♕c7 (28.hxg6? ♖xb1 29.♖xb1 ♖d1+ 30.♖xd1 ♕xd1+ 31.♔h2 ♕h5+ 32.♔g1 ♕xc5) 28...♖1d7 29.♕g3 ♖d1 30.♕c7 ♖1d7 31.♕g3 1/2 (31) Sevian,S (2684) -Antipov,M (2615) Saint Louis 152/(154) 2022

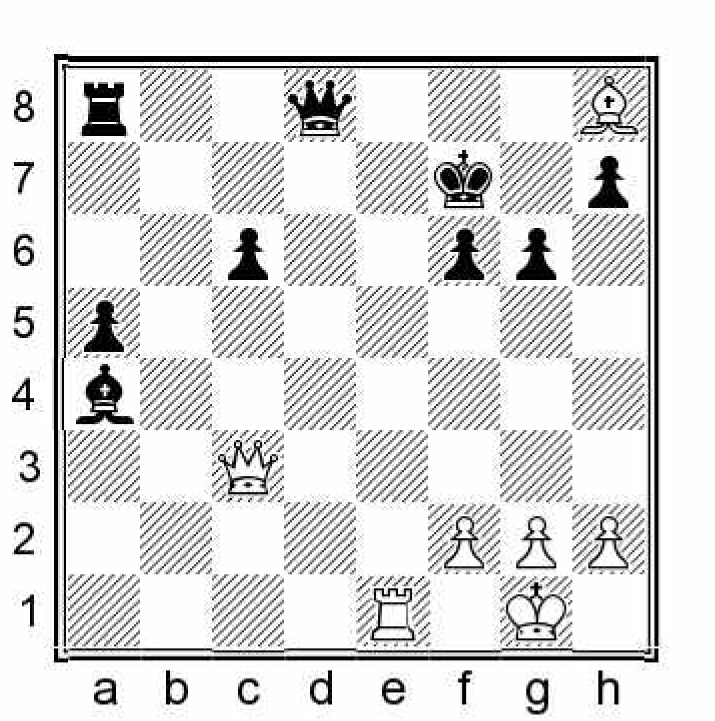
21.♕c3 ♗e2 22.♖fe1 ♗b5 23.a4 ♗xa4

23...♗a6?! 24.♗c5 ♕e6 25.♖bc1 ♖fd8 26.h3 ♗c8 27.♕a3 ♖d7 28.♖cd1±

24.♗h8 f6 25.e5 ♕d8

25...fxe5 26.♗xe5 ♕d5 27.h4± ↑

26.exf6 exf6 27.♖b7 ♖f7 28.♖xf7 ♔xf7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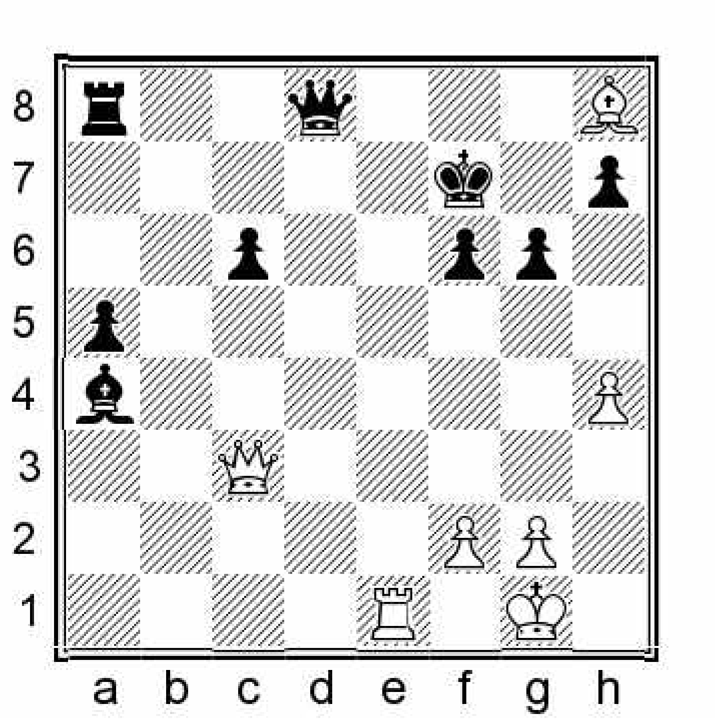
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29...♕d6?! - 152/154

29...♕xh8!N - 152/(154) 30.♕c4+ ♔f8 31.♕xa4 ♖e8 32.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 33.♕xc6+ ♔f8= 34.♕c7 ♕g8 35.♕xa5 1/2 (34) Prohaszka,P (2573)-Ragger,M (2647) Terme Catez 152/(154) 2022

30.♕c4+ ♔f8

30...♕d5 31.♕e2 ♔g8 32.♗xf6 c5 33.♕e7 ♕d7 34.♕xc5±

31.♖e6 ♕d5 32.♖xf6+ ♔e7?!

32...♔g8 33.♕c3 ♖a7 34.♕g3 ♖d7 35.♕b8+ ♖d8 36.♕b2 ♕d1+ 37.♔h2 ♕d7 38.♖f4 ♗b5 39.h5±

33.♕e2+ ♔d7 34.♕g4+

34.♕e3!? ♕b3 35.♕f4 ♕d1+ 36.♔h2 ♖e8 37.♖f7+ ♖e7 38.♖f8 ♖e8 39.♕f7+ ♖e7 40.♕g8 ♕d6+ 41.f4 ♔c7 42.♗c3 ♔b6 43.♖f6 ♕d7 44.♕b8+ ♔a6 45.♕a8+ ♕a7 46.♕c8+ ♕b7 47.♕h8±

34...♔e7 35.♕xa4

35.♕e2+ - 33.Qe2

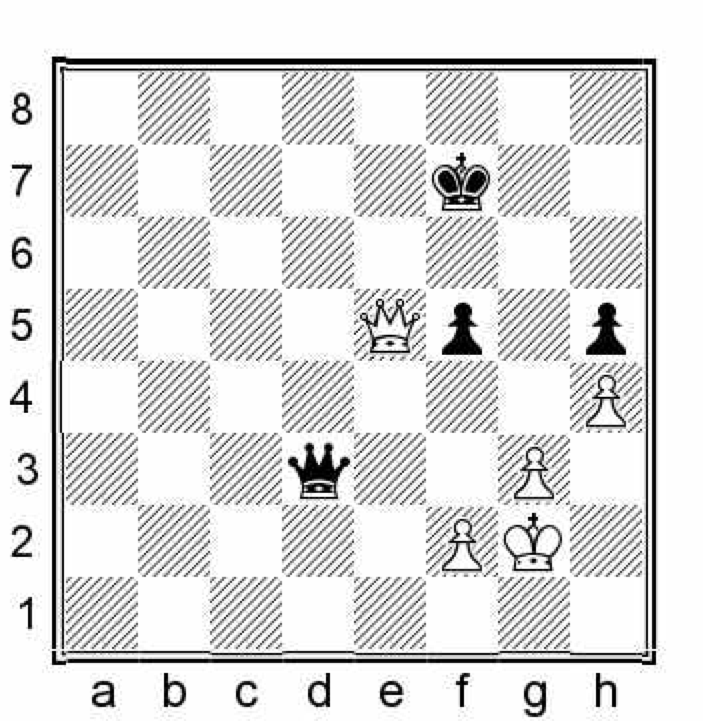
35...♖xh8 36.♖f3 ♖d8 37.♕a3+ ♔e6 38.♕e3+ ♕e5 39.♕b3+ ♕d5 40.♕c3 ♕d1+ 41.♔h2 ♕d4 42.♕b3+ ♖d5 43.g3 ♕d1

43...♕c5 44.♖e3+ ♔f6 45.♕b2+ ♕d4 46.♕b8 ♖d8 47.♕c7 ♖d7 48.♕xc6+ (48.♕xa5 ♔g7=) 48...♔g7=

44.♕c3 ♖f5 45.♕xc6+ ♔f7 46.♕c7+ ♔f6 47.♕b6+ ♔g7 48.♖xf5 gxf5 49.♕xa5 ♕f3

49...♕d7 50.♕c3+ ♔g6 51.♕h8±

50.♕e5+ ♔f7 51.♔g1 h5 52.♔f1 ♕d1+ 53.♔g2 ♕d3



54.♕f4

54.♕c7+! ♔g8 55.♕b8+ ♔g7 56.♕b7+ ♔h6 57.♕c6+ ♔g7 58.♕f3+-

54...♕c2 55.♕f3 ♔g6 56.♕d5 ♔f6 57.♕d6+ ♔f7 58.♕d7+ ♔f6 59.♕e8+- ♕d1 60.♕f8+ ♔e6 61.♕g8+ ♔e5 62.♕g7+ ♔e6 63.♕g6+ ♔e7

63...♔e5 64.f4+ ♔e4 65.♕e6+ ♔d3 66.♕d5+ ♔e2 67.♕xd1+ ♔xd1 68.g4

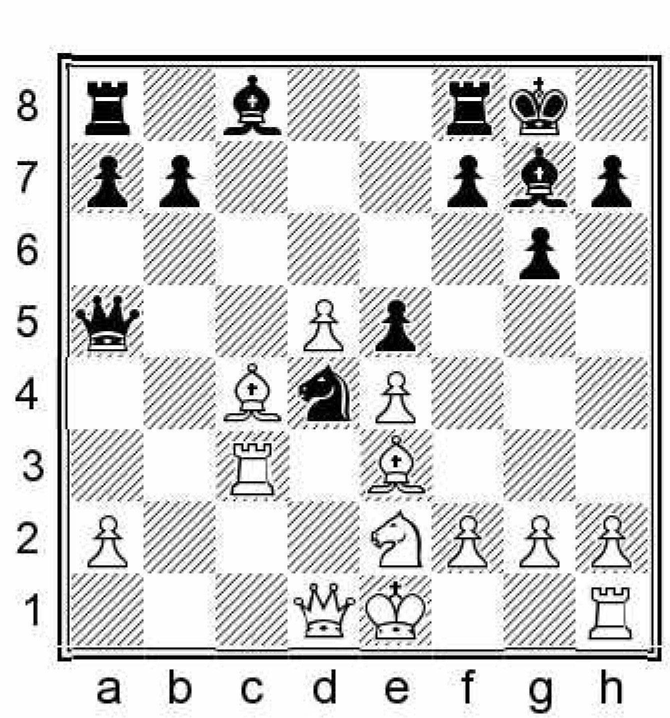
64.♕xf5 1-0

155. !N D87
Rapport, Richard (2762) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2761)
Beograd (m/1-playoff) 152/155, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 c5 8.♘e2 O-O 9.♗e3 ♘c6 10.♖c1 cxd4 11.cxd4 ♕a5+ 12.♖c3

12.♔f1 - 100/362

12...e5 13.d5 ♘d4



13...b5!? 14.♗d3 (14.♗b3 ♘d4 15.♗d2 b4 16.♖c1 ♘xb3 17.♕xb3 ♗a6∞) 14...♘b4 (14...♘d4 15.♕d2 b4 16.♖c1 ♗d7 17.O-O±) 15.O-O ♘xd3 16.♕xd3 b4 17.♖c2 ♗a6 18.♕d2 ♖fc8 19.♖fc1 ♖xc2 20.♖xc2 ♗f8∞ (20...♖c8∞)

14.♗d2!N

14.♕d2 ♗h3! (14...♘xe2? 15.♗xe2 ♗d7 16.O-O f5 17.♖fc1±) 15.O-O ♖fc8 16.♘xd4 (16.♖fc1? ♖xc4! 17.♘xd4 ♖xc3 18.♖xc3 exd4 19.♖c8+ ♖xc8 20.♕xa5 dxe3 21.fxe3 ♗d7∓) 16...exd4 17.♖c2 ♕a4 18.♗b3 dxe3 19.♕xe3 ♕a3 20.♕xh3 ♖xc2 21.♗xc2 ♕xh3 22.gxh3 ♖c8=

14...♗d7

14...♗g4 15.f3 b5 16.♗d3 ♗d7 17.♘xd4 exd4 18.♖c1 ♕b6 19.O-O±

15.♘xd4 exd4 16.♖c1 ♕a3 17.♕b3!

17.O-O a5 (17...b5 18.♕b3 ♕xb3 19.♗xb3±) 18.♕e2 ♖fe8 19.♗f4±

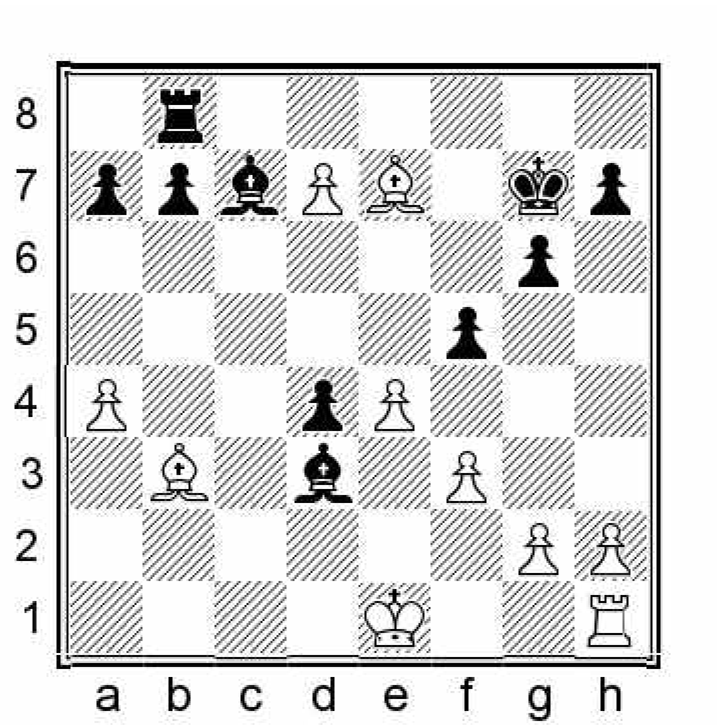
17...♕xb3 18.♗xb3 ♖ae8

18...♖fc8 19.♔e2 f5 (19...♗b5+ 20.♔f3±) 20.exf5 ♗xf5 21.♖he1 h5 22.h3 ♗f8 23.♔f3±

19.f3

19.♖c7 ♖xe4+ 20.♔d1 ♗f5 21.f3 ♖ee8 22.♖xb7+-

19...f5 20.♖c7 ♗b5 21.a4 ♗d3 22.d6+ ♔h8 23.d7 ♖b8 24.♗b4 ♗e5 25.♗xf8 ♗xc7 26.♗e7 ♔g7

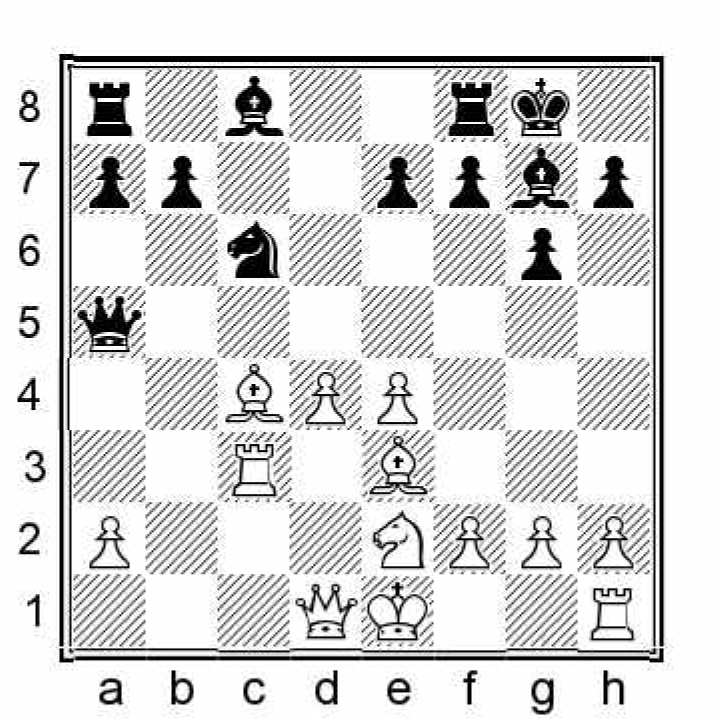


26...♗d8? 27.♗d6 ♖a8 28.♗e5+ ♗f6 29.♗xf6#

27.e5! b5 28.♗f6+ ♔f8 29.e6 ♗d8 30.♗e5 ♖b6 31.♗xd4 ♖c6 32.axb5 ♗xb5 33.♔f2 ♔e7 34.♗e3 ♗b6 35.♖d1 ♗xe3+ 36.♔xe3 ♖c3+ 37.♔f4 1-0

156. !N D87
Sarana, Alexey (2685) - Ivic, Velimir (2610)
Beograd 152/156, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 c5 8.♘e2 O-O 9.♗e3 ♘c6 10.♖c1 cxd4 11.cxd4 ♕a5+ 12.♖c3



12.♔f1 - 100/362

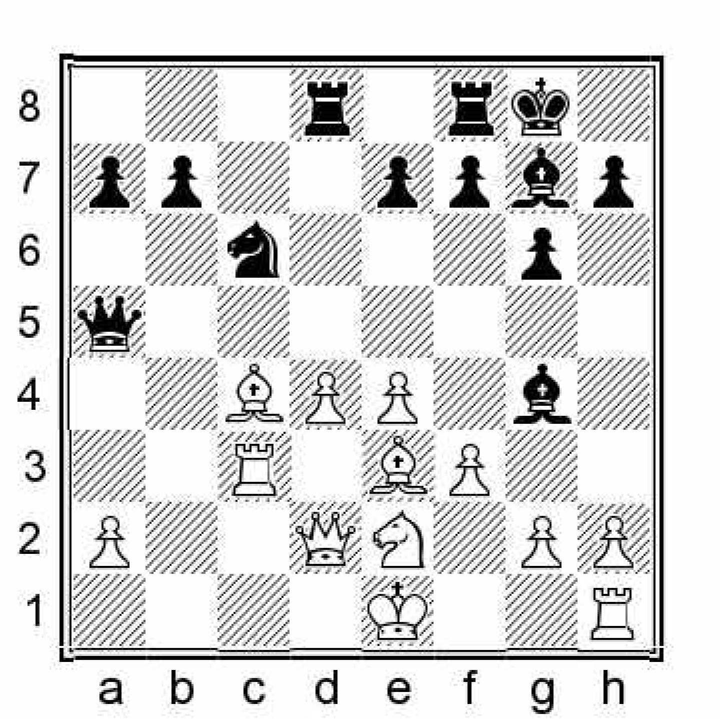
12...♗g4!N

12...e5; 12...♖d8

13.f3

13.♕d2?! ♗xe2 14.♔xe2 ♖ad8 15.♖d3 ♕xd2+ 16.♔xd2 ♗xd4∓

13...♖ad8! 14.♕d2



14.fxg4? ♘xd4!-+

14...♗e6! 15.♗xe6 fxe6 16.♖d3

16.O-O ♘xd4 17.♘xd4 ♗xd4 18.♗xd4 e5 19.♕c2 exd4 20.♖c7 e6 21.♖xb7 ♖f7 22.♖xf7 ♔xf7 23.♖d1 ♕b6=

16...♕a6 17.♔f2

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17...♘e5 18.♖b3 ♘c4 19.♕b4 ♘xe3

19...♖c8 20.♖c1 (20.♕xb7?! ♕xa2 21.♖c1 ♘d6 22.♖b2 ♕a3∓) 20...♘xe3 21.♖xe3 ♖xc1 22.♘xc1 ♖c8 23.♘e2 ♕xa2 24.♕xb7 ♖c2 25.♕xe7 ♗h6 26.♕e8+ ♔g7 27.♕e7+ ♔g8=; 19...b5 20.♕xb5 (20.♕xe7 ♖b8 21.♖hb1 ♖fe8 22.♕g5 e5 23.d5 ♗f8∞) 20...♕xb5 21.♖xb5 ♘d6 22.♖a5 ♘xe4+ 23.♔e1 ♘d6 24.♖xa7 ♖a8 25.♖xe7 ♘f5 26.♖xe6 ♘xe3 27.♖xe3 ♖xa2 28.♖d3 ♖e8 29.♖d2 ♖a1+ 30.♖d1 ♖a2=

20.♔xe3

20.♖xe3 ♕xa2 21.e5 ♖c8 (21...♕d5 22.♖a3 ♖a8 23.♖c1=∞) 22.♖a3 ♕d5 23.♖a5 ♕e4 24.♕xe7 ♗h6 25.♖a3 ♕d5 26.♕d6 ♕xd6 27.exd6 a6 28.♖b1 ♖c6 29.♖xb7 ♖xd6∞

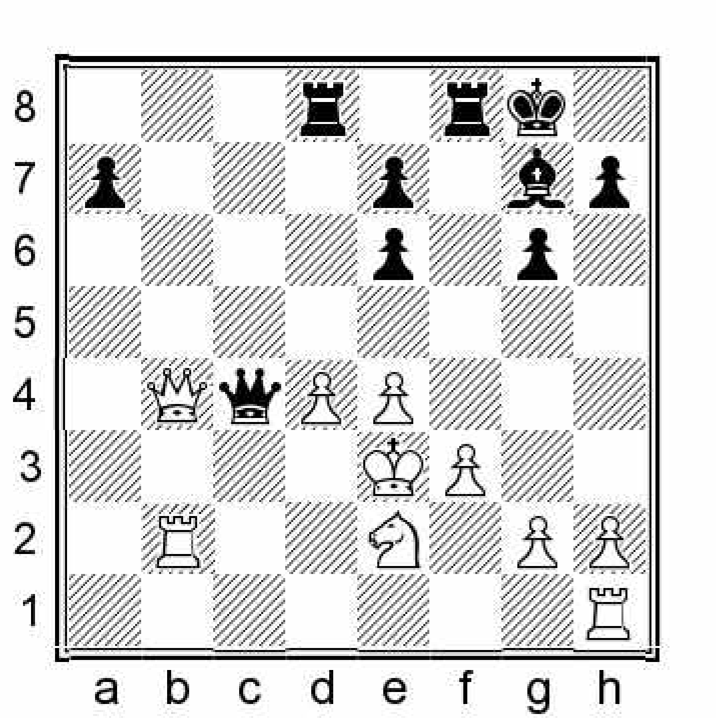
20...♕xa2 21.♖b2

21.♖hb1 ♖d7 22.♕c4 ♖d6=

21...♕a6 22.♕xb7?!

22.♕xe7 b5 23.♖c1 ♖fe8 24.♕b4 e5 25.♖c7 exd4+ 26.♔d3 ♔h8 27.♕xb5 ♕a3+ 28.♖b3 ♕a1 29.♖b1 ♕a2=

22...♕c4 23.♕b4



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28.♔e3 ♕a5 29.♖c2 ♕b6+ 30.♔e2 ♕b3 31.♖hc1=

28...a5 29.h3 a4 30.♖d1 ♕c7+ 31.♔b1 ♕c4 32.♖c1 ♕d3+ 33.♔a2 ♔f7 34.♖c5 ♔f6 35.♖cb5 g5 36.♖5b4 ♕a6 37.♔a3 ♕d3+ 38.♔a2

38.♔xa4 ♔e5=

38...♕a6= 39.♖b5 ♕c6 40.♔a3 ♕c4 41.♖b6 ♔f7 42.♖6b4 ♕d3+ 43.♔a2

43.♔xa4 ♕a6+ 44.♔b3 ♕d3+ 45.♔a2 ♕a6+ 46.♔b1 ♕f1+=

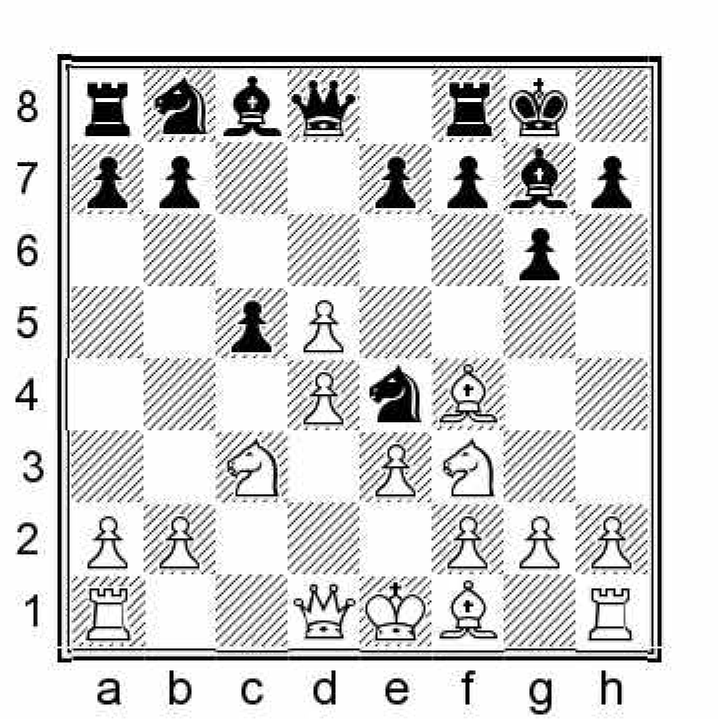
43...♕d7 44.♖c4 h6 45.♔a3 ♕d3+ 46.♔b4 ♔f6 47.e5+ ♔f7 48.♖e4 a3 49.♖a2 ♕b1+ 1/2-1/2

157. D91
So, Wesley (2778) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2761)
Berlin 152/157, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♗g7 5.♘f3 ♘e4 6.♗f4 O-O 7.e3

7.♘xd5 - 137/158

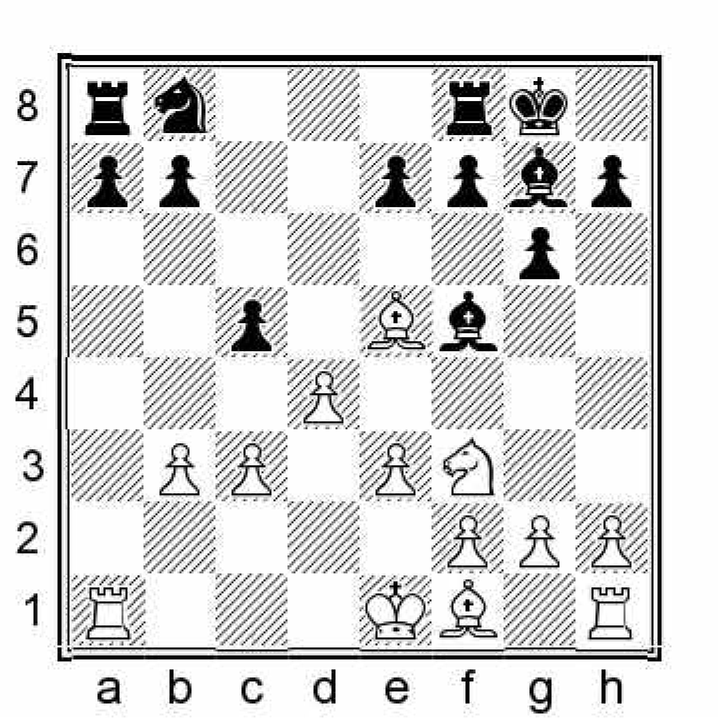
7...c5 8.cxd5



8...♗f5!? 9.♗e5

9.♗c4 cxd4 10.exd4 ♘xc3 11.bxc3 ♗e4 12.O-O ♗xd5 13.♗xd5 ♕xd5 14.♕b3 ♕xb3 15.axb3 e6=; 9.♗e2 cxd4 10.♘xd4 ♘xc3 11.bxc3 ♗e4 12.O-O ♗xd5=; 9.♗d3 ♘xc3 10.bxc3 ♕xd5 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♗xf5 ♕xf5=

9...♘xc3 10.bxc3 ♕xd5 11.♕b3 ♕xb3 12.axb3



12...cxd4N

12...♗xe5 13.♘xe5 cxd4 14.exd4 ♘d7 15.♘xd7 ♗xd7 16.♔d2 a5 (16...♗c6 17.b4 a6 18.c4±) 17.♗d3±

13.♗xg7 ♔xg7 14.exd4

14.♘xd4 ♘d7 15.f3 (15.♘xf5+ gxf5 16.♗e2 ♖fc8 17.c4 a5=) 15...a5! 16.e4 (16.g4 ♗e6 (16...e5? 17.gxf5 exd4 18.exd4 gxf5 19.♔d2±) 17.♘xe6+ (17.♗b5 ♘c5 18.♖a3 ♗d7=) 17...fxe6 18.♗e2 ♘c5 19.♖a3 e5=) 16...e5 17.♘xf5+ gxf5 18.exf5 ♘c5 19.♖a3 ♖fd8=∞

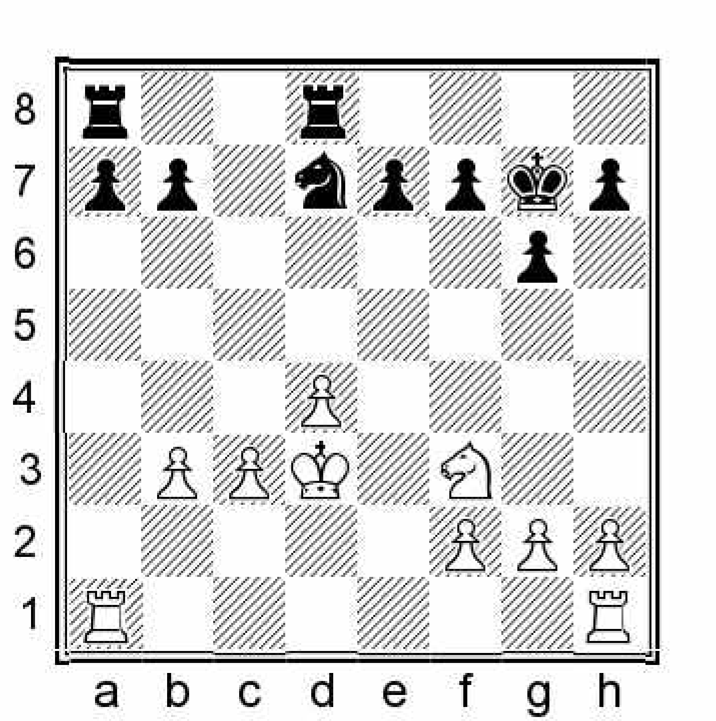
14...♘d7 15.♔d2 ♖fd8

15...e5!? 16.♗b5 (16.dxe5 ♖fd8 17.♔c1 ♗e4 18.♘d4 ♘xe5=; 16.♗c4 ♗e4 17.♘g5 ♗f5 18.f3 ♘b6 19.g4 ♗d7 20.dxe5 ♘xc4+ 21.bxc4 ♖fe8 22.f4 ♗xg4∞) 16...♘f6 17.dxe5 ♘e4+ 18.♔e3 ♘xc3 19.♗c4 ♖fd8 20.♘d4 ♘d5+ 21.♔f3 ♘e7=

16.♗d3

16.♗c4 ♘f6 17.♖hc1 a6 18.♗d3 ♗e6 19.♖a3 ♗d5 20.♘e1 ♗c6=

16...♗xd3 17.♔xd3



17...e5! 18.♖he1 exd4 19.♘xd4 a6

19...♘c5+ 20.♔c2 a5=

20.♔c2 ♖ac8 21.♖ad1 ♔f8

21...♘f6 22.♖e7 (22.♔b2 ♖d7=) 22...♘d5 23.♖xb7 ♖xc3+ 24.♔b2 ♖d6=

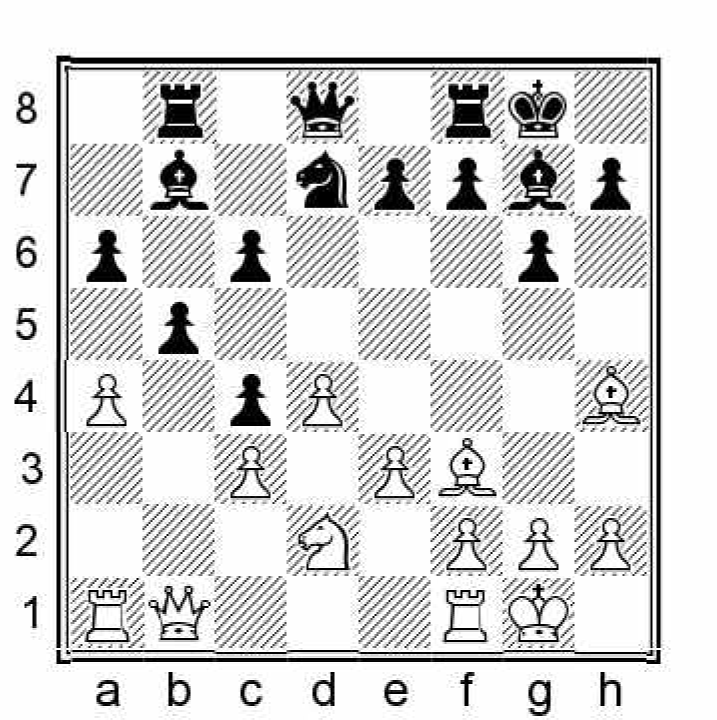
22.♘f3 ♘c5 23.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 24.b4 ♘e6 25.g3 b5 26.♘e5 ♖d6 27.♘d3 ♖c6 28.f4 h5 29.♔b3 f6= 30.♖f1 ♔e7 31.f5 gxf5 32.♖xf5 h4! 33.gxh4 ♖c4 34.♖h5 ♖e4 35.♘c5 ♘xc5+ 36.bxc5 ♖c4 37.♖h7+

37.♖h7+ ♔e6 38.♖a7 ♖xh4 39.♖xa6+ ♔d5 40.♖xf6 ♖xh2=

1/2-1/2

158. D91
Gormally, Daniel (2476) - Clarke, Brandon GI (2445)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♗g5 ♘e4 6.♗h4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.e3 b5 9.a4 c6 10.♘d2 a6 11.♗e2 ♘d7 12.♗f3 ♗b7 13.O-O O-O 14.♕b1 ♖b8



14...♘b6 - 41/(545)

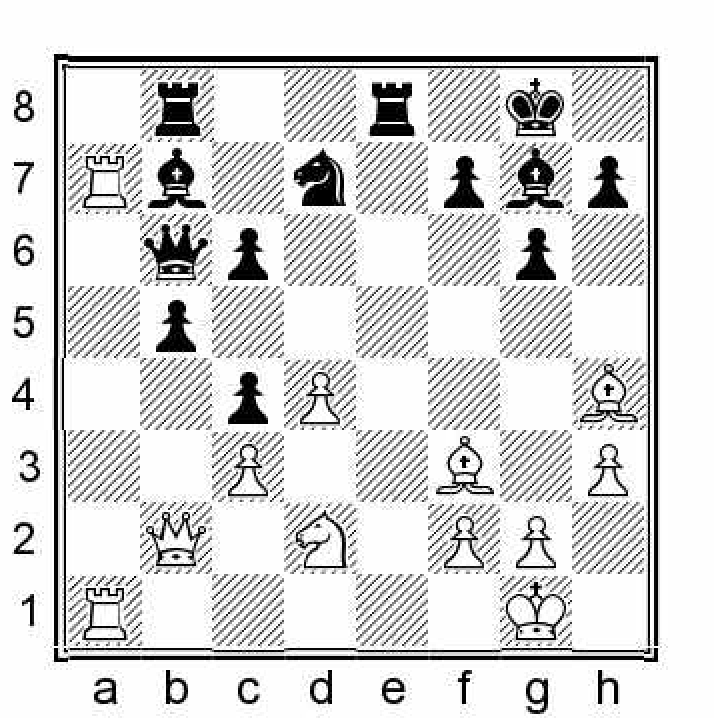
15.♕b2N

15.axb5; 15.♖d1

15...♖e8 16.axb5 axb5 17.♖a7 ♕b6 18.♖fa1 e5 19.h3

19.♗g3 f5 20.h3 ♖a8 21.♖xa8 ♗xa8 22.♗h2∓

19...exd4 20.exd4?

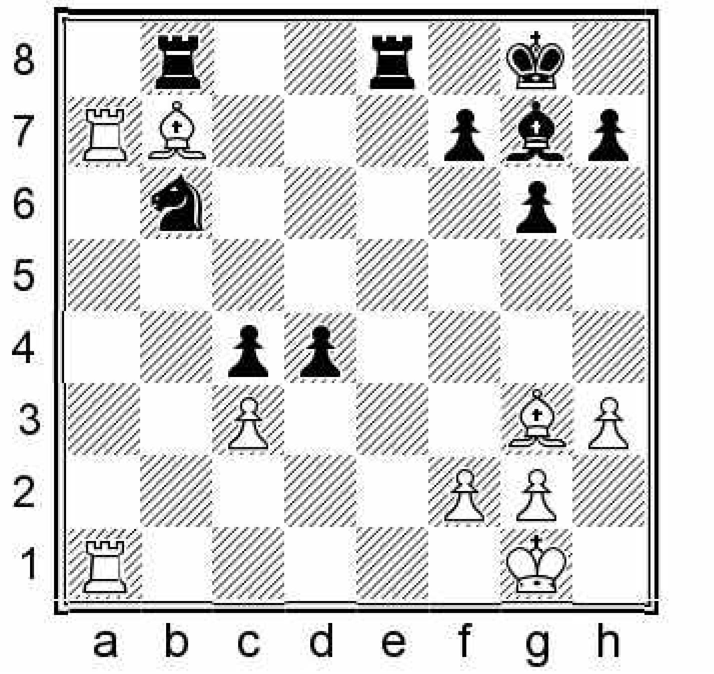


20.cxd4! c5 21.♗xb7 c3 (21...cxd4 22.♗d5 dxe3 23.♗xf7+ ♔h8 24.♕b1 exd2 25.♗xe8±; 21...♖xb7 22.♘xc4 bxc4 23.♖xb7 ♕xb2 24.♖xb2 cxd4 25.♖d1 d3 26.♖b7=) 22.♕xc3 cxd4 23.♕c6 dxe3=

20...c5! 21.♘xc4

21.♗xb7 cxd4! 22.♗d5 ♕d6-+; 21.dxc5 ♘xc5 22.♘xc4 ♕e6∓

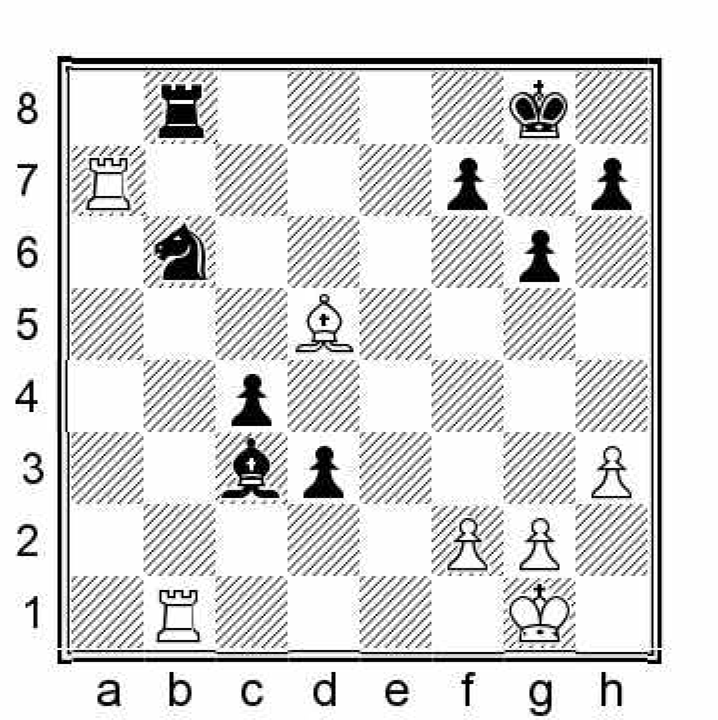
21...bxc4 22.♕xb6 ♘xb6 23.♗xb7 cxd4 24.♗g3



24.cxd4 ♗xd4 25.♖d1 ♗b2∓

24...♗e5?

24...d3! 25.♗xb8 ♖xb8 (25...♗xc3? 26.♗f4 ♗xa1 27.♖xa1 c3 28.♔f1 d2 29.♗xd2 cxd2 30.♖d1=) 26.♖b1 ♗xc3 27.♗d5



27...♗b2!! (27...♖d8 28.♗xf7+ ♔f8-+) 28.♖xb2 c3-+

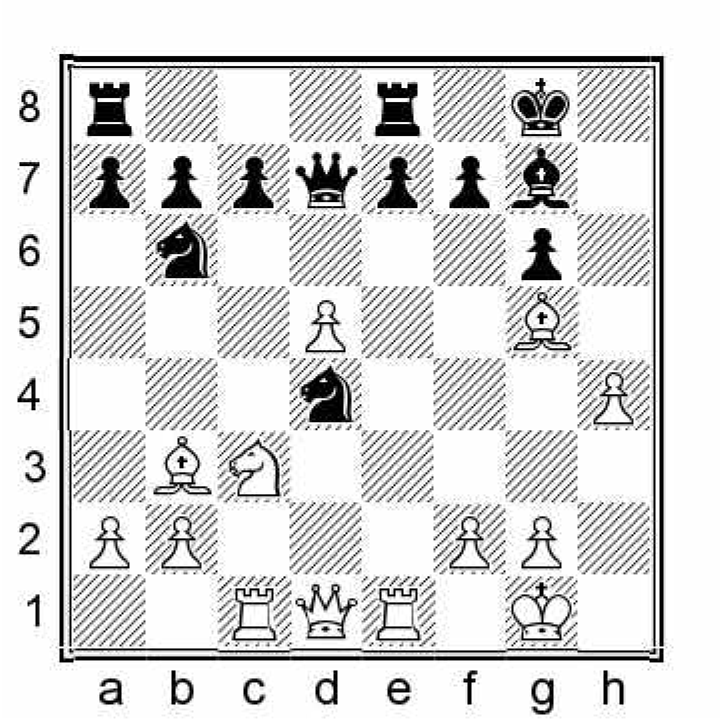
25.♗xe5 ♖xe5 26.cxd4

26.cxd4 ♖e6 27.♗f3 ♖d6=

1/2-1/2

159. D92
Dreev, Alexey (2623) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/159, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗f4 ♗g7 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♖c1 ♗e6 7.e3 dxc4 8.♘g5 ♗d5 9.e4 h6 10.exd5 hxg5 11.♗xg5 ♘xd5 12.♗xc4 ♘b6 13.♗b3 ♘c6 14.d5 ♘d4 15.O-O ♖e8 16.h4 ♕d7 17.♖e1



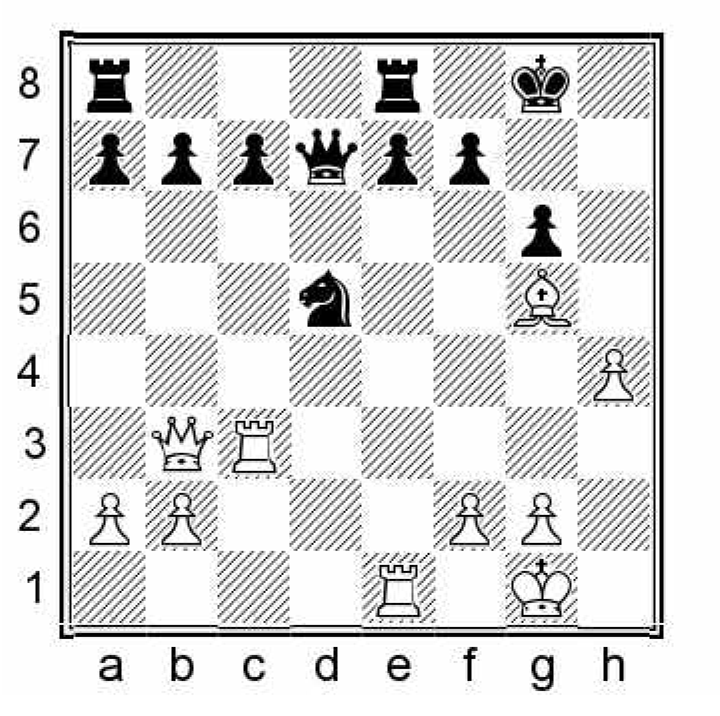
17...♘xb3N

17...♖ad8 - 121/164

18.♕xb3 ♗xc3?!

18...♖ad8 19.♖cd1 ♗f6 (19...♕f5 20.♖xe7 ♖xe7 21.♗xe7 ♖d7 22.♗c5±) 20.♘e4±; 18...a5!? 19.a4 (19.♖ed1 a4 20.♕b4 ♕f5 21.♕b5 ♗e5∞) 19...♖ad8 20.♖ed1 ♗xc3 21.♖xc3 ♕xa4∞

19.♖xc3 ♘xd5



19...♕xd5 20.♕c2 c6 21.♖g3 ♖ad8 (21...e5 22.h5+-) 22.♗xe7 ♕h5 23.♖ge3 ♖d7 24.♖e5 ♕g4 25.♕c1

♖d5 26.♖5e3±

20.♖g3!± c6

⌓20...f6 21.♕c2 ♕f5 22.♕xf5 gxf5 23.♗xf6+ ♔f7 24.♗g5±

21.h5 e5

21...♔g7 22.hxg6 fxg6 23.♖h3 e5 24.♕g3 ♕f5 - 21...e5

22.hxg6 fxg6 23.♖h3

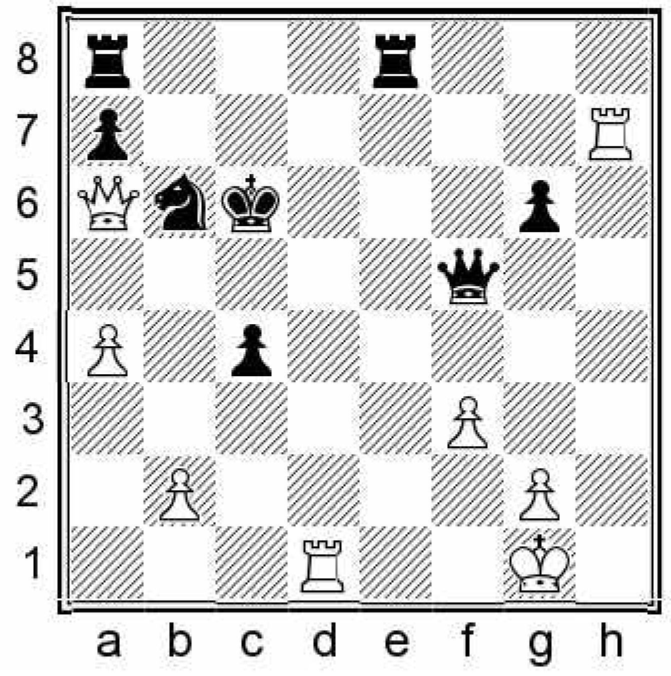
23.♗f6! ♕f7 24.♗xe5 ♖e6 25.♖h3 ♘f6 26.♖ee3 ♖d8 27.♗c3 ♖dd6 (27...♖xe3 28.♖h8+ ♔xh8 29.♕xf7+-) 28.♖eg3 ♖d5 29.♖h6 ♘h7 30.♕b4+-

23...e4

23...♕f5 24.♕g3 ♔g7 25.♗h6+ ♔f7 26.♕b3 ♕d7 27.♖e4 b5 28.♖f3+ ♔g8 29.♕d3 ♖e6 30.♖xe5+-

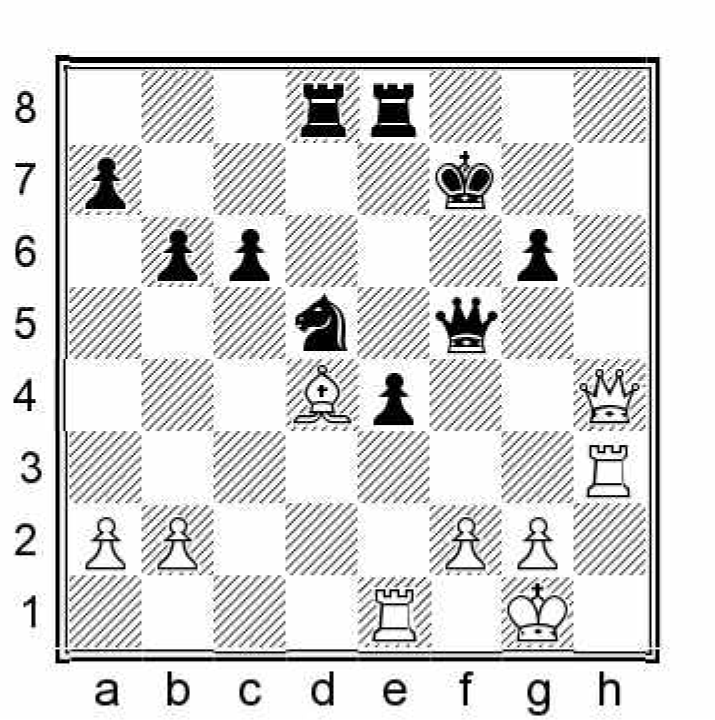
24.♗f6 ♕f5 25.♗d4 b6 26.♕g3

26.♖h8+ ♔f7 27.♖h7+ ♔e6 28.f3 e3 29.♗xe3 ♔d6 30.♕a3+ c5 31.♗xc5+ bxc5 32.♕a6+ ♘b6 33.♖d1+ ♔c6 34.a4 c4



35.b4! cxb3 36.♕b7+ ♔c5 37.♖h4! ♖ac8 38.♕a6 ♔c6 39.♖c4++-

26...♖ad8 27.♕h4+- ♔f7



28.♖f3!

28.♖f3 exf3 29.♕h7+ ♔f8 30.♕g7#

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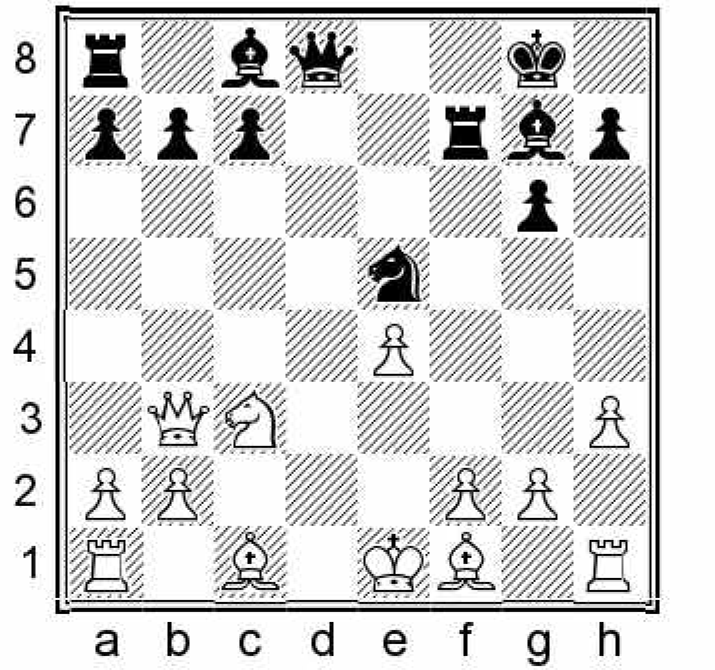
160. D97
Abasov, Nijat (2635) - Puranik, Abhimanyu Sameer (2608)
Sharjah 152/160, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O 7.e4 ♘c6 8.h3 e5 9.dxe5 ♘d7 10.e6 ♘de5 11.exf7+ ♖xf7 12.♘xe5 ♘xe5 13.♕b3



13...c6N

13...♘d3+ - 115/165

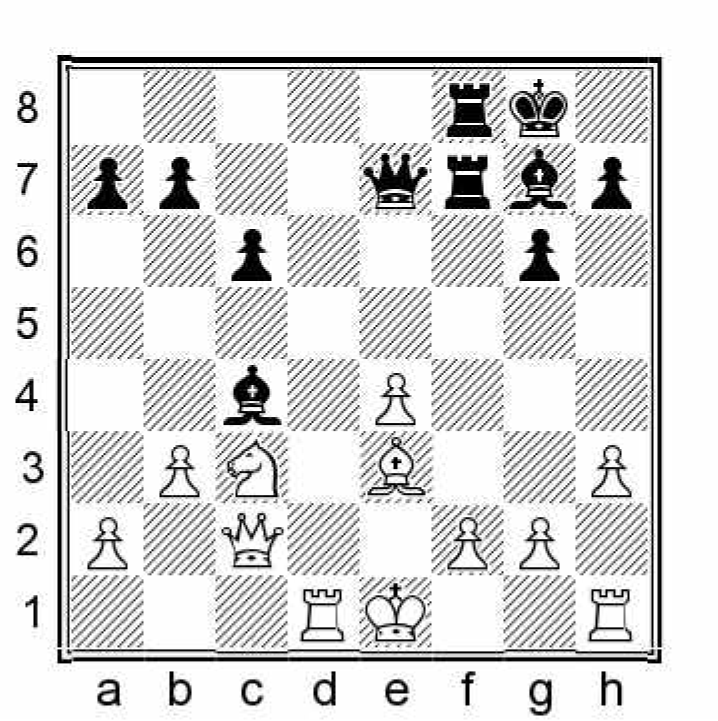
14.♗e3 ♕e7 15.♖d1 ♗e6 16.♕c2 ♖af8

16...♕h4!? 17.♗e2 ♘c4 18.♗xc4 ♗xc4 19.♘a4 (19.♘e2 ♗a6 20.O-O ♗xe2 21.♕xe2 ♕xe4 22.b3 ♖e8=) 19...♖e8 20.♘c5 ♗d5 21.O-O ♗xe4 22.♘xe4 ♕xe4=

17.♗e2

17.♗xa7 ♗h6 18.♗d4 ♕h4 19.♗c5 ♖e8 20.♗d4 ♖ef8= (20...♗f4 21.♘e2 ♗g5 22.♘g3 ♗f4=)

17...♘c4 18.♗xc4 ♗xc4 19.b3



19.f3!? ♖d8 (19...b5 20.h4±; 19...♕h4+ 20.♕f2 ♕h5 21.♕g3±) 20.♔f2 ♕h4+ 21.g3 ♖xd1 22.♕xd1 ♕h5 23.f4 ♕a5 24.♕c2±

19...♖xf2!

19...♕b4 20.bxc4 ♗xc3+ 21.♔f1 ♕xc4+ 22.♔g1 b5∞; 19...♗a6 20.♘e2 ♖e8 21.f3 ♕h4+ 22.♗f2 ♕g5 23.♔f1 ♖d8 24.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 25.♗e3 ♕h4⩱

20.♗xf2 ♖xf2 21.♔xf2

21.♖d2 ♖xd2 22.♕xd2 ♗xc3 23.♕xc3 ♕xe4+ 24.♔f2 ♗d5 25.♕g3 ♕d4+ 26.♕e3 ♕b2+ 27.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 28.♔xe2 ♗xg2 29.♖h2 ♗d5=

21...♕c5+ 22.♔e1 ♕e3+= 23.♘e2 ♗c3+ 24.♔f1 ♕f4+ 25.♔g1 ♕e3+ 1/2-1/2

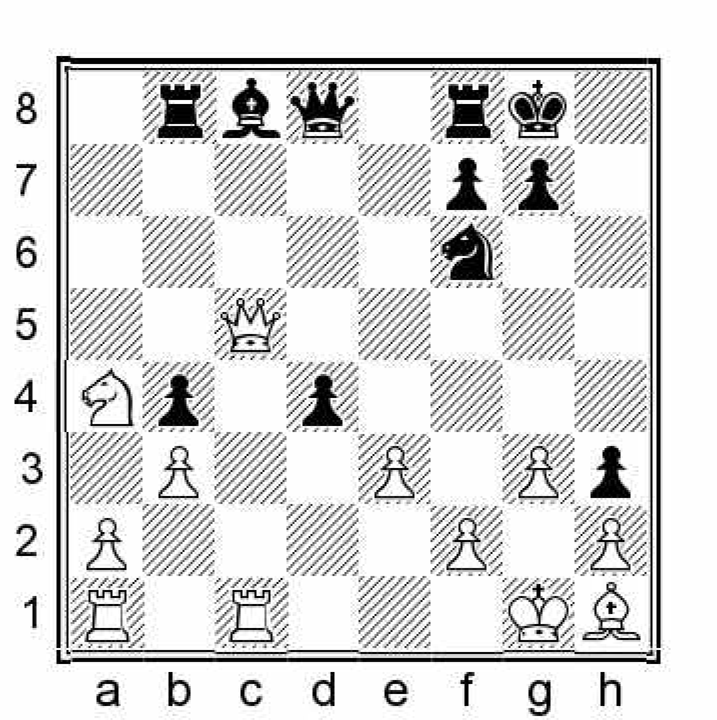
161. * E01
Heimann, Andreas (2583) - Gukesh, Dommaraju (2637)
Ciutadella de Menorca 152/161, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 a5 6.♗g2 O-O 7.♕c2 c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♕b6 10.e3 exd5 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♘c3

13.♖c1 - 151/ 160

13...h5 14.♘a4 ♕d8 15.b3N

15.♖fc1 - 152/(161) 15...h4 16.♗xb4N (16.b3 ♗a3! (16...♗d7∞) 17.♖f1 hxg3 18.hxg3 ♘g4→) 16...axb4 17.b3 h3 18.♗h1 ♖b8 19.♕xc6 d4 20.♕c5



20...d3 (20...dxe3! 21.♕xe3 ♖e8 22.♕c5 (22.♖d1 ♕a5 23.♕c5 ♖b5 24.♕c4 ♗g4 25.♖dc1 ♖f5 26.♖e1 ♖fe5 27.♖xe5 ♕xe5-+) 22...♘g4 23.♕c4 ♘xf2! 24.♔xf2 ♕d2+ 25.♔g1 ♕e3+ 26.♔f1 ♖e6-+) 21.♖d1 ♗b7 22.f3 (22.♗xb7 ♖xb7 23.♖ac1 ♘e4→) 22...♖e8 23.e4 ♗a6 24.♖d2 ♖c8-+ 25.♕xb4 ♖c2 26.♖ad1 ♕c7 27.♖f2 ♘d5 28.♕e1 ♕a7 29.a3 ♖e2 0-1 (29) Karthik,V (2485)-Gukesh,D (2614) Delhi Open 152/(161) 2022

15...h4 16.♗xb4

16.♕xc6 ♗d7 (16...♖a6!? 17.♕c2 hxg3 18.hxg3 ♘g4∞) 17.♕c2 h3 18.♗f3 ♖c8 19.♕d3 ♗xd2 20.♕xd2 ♗xa4 21.bxa4 ♘e4⇄

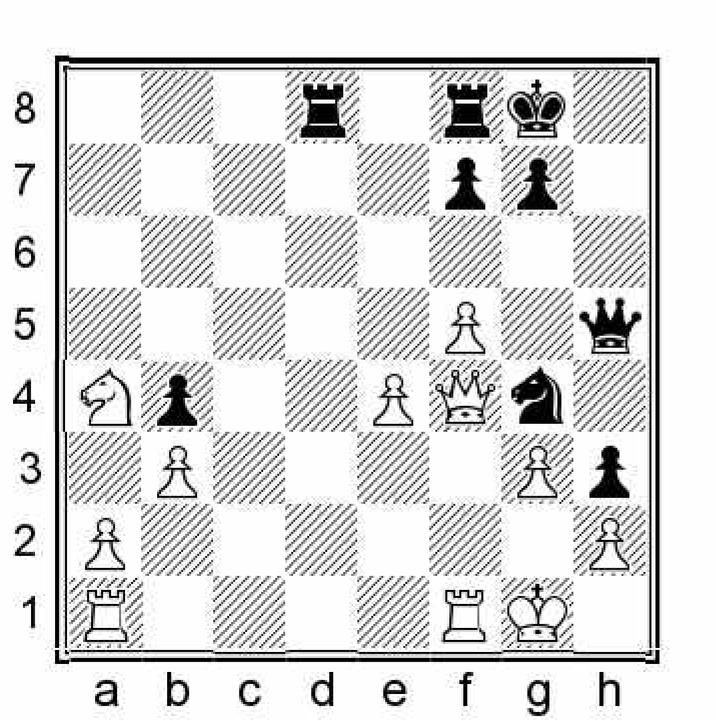
16...axb4 17.♖fd1 h3 18.♗f3

18.♗h1 ♗g4 19.♖dc1 d4! 20.exd4 ♕xd4 21.♕xc6 ♖ac8 22.♕b6 ♕d2∓

18...♘g4→ 19.♕xc6 ♘e5 20.♕xd5 ♕f6 21.♗e2 ♗g4! 22.♗xg4 ♘xg4 23.♖f1 ♖ad8 24.♕e4

24.♕h5 ♘e5 25.♕xh3 ♘f3+ 26.♔h1 ♘d2 27.♔g1 ♘xf1 28.♖xf1 ♖d2∓

24...♘e5 25.f4 ♘g4 26.f5 ♕g5 27.♕f4 ♕h5 28.e4



28...g5!-+ 29.♕f3

29.fxg6 fxg6 30.♖ad1 ♖c8 31.♕d2 ♕e5

29...♖d2 30.♘b6 ♖g2+ 31.♔h1 ♖xh2+ 32.♔g1 ♖g2+ 33.♔h1 ♘f6 34.♘d5 ♕xf3 35.♘xf6+ ♔g7 36.♖xf3 ♔xf6 37.g4

37.♖g1 ♖xg1+ 38.♔xg1 ♖e8 39.♖e3 g4 40.♖e2 ♔e5

37...♖xg4 38.♖xh3 ♖xe4 39.♖f1 ♖e2 40.♖h6+

40.♖h2 ♖xh2+ 41.♔xh2 ♖a8 42.♖f2 ♖a5 43.♔g3 ♖xf5

40...♔g7 41.♖h5 f6 42.♖h2 ♖h8 43.♖xh8 ♔xh8 44.♖c1 ♖xa2 45.♖c4

45.♖c8+ ♔g7 46.♖c7+ ♔f8 47.♖b7 ♖a5

45...♖f2 46.♖xb4 ♖xf5 47.♖b7 ♔g8 48.♔g2 ♖e5 49.b4 ♔f8 50.b5 ♖e7 51.♖b8+ ♔g7 52.♔f3 ♖e5

52...♖e1 53.b6 ♖b1 54.b7 f5

53.b6 ♖b5 54.♔e4 f5+ 55.♔d4 g4 56.♖b7+ ♔h6 57.♔e3 ♖b4

57...♔g5 58.♖g7+ ♔f6 59.♖h7 ♖b3+

58.♖b8 ♔g7 59.b7 f4+ 60.♔e2 ♖b2+ 61.♔f1 g3 62.♖c8 ♖xb7 63.♖c4 ♖f7 64.♔g2 f3+ 65.♔f1 ♖f6 66.♖g4+ ♖g6 67.♖f4 g2+ 68.♔g1 ♖f6 69.♖g4+ ♔h6 70.♔f2 ♖g6 71.♖h4+ ♔g7 0-1

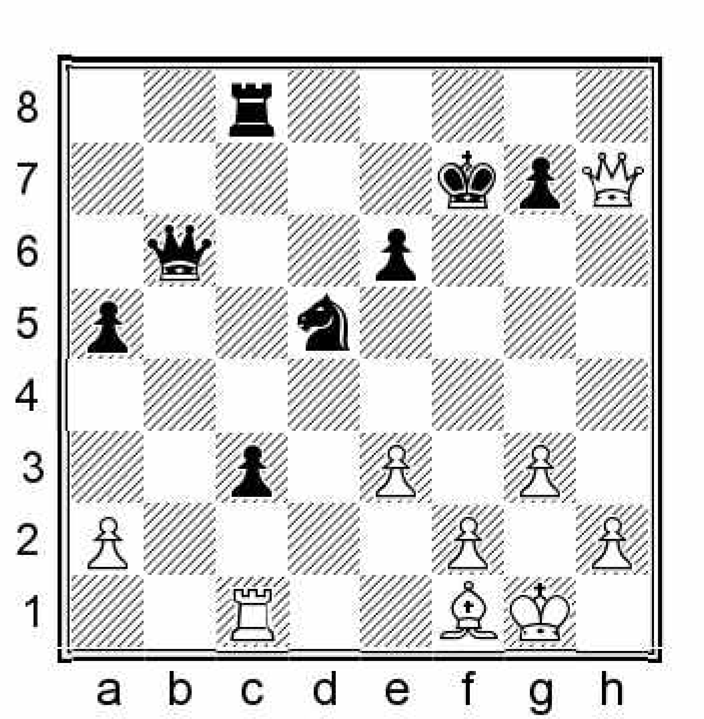
162. * E01
Parkhov, Yair (2450) - Vocaturo, Daniele (2614)
Terme Catez 152/162, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 a5 6.♘f3 O-O 7.♕c2 c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♕b6 10.e3 exd5 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♖c1 ♖b8 14.♗xb4 ♕xb4 15.b3 ♗e6 16.♘c3 c5 17.♘e2 ♖fc8 18.♘f4 c4 19.♘xe6N

19.bxc4 - 151/160

19...fxe6 20.bxc4

20.♗h3 ♔f7!? (20...♕d6 21.bxc4 ♖xc4 22.♕d1 ♖bc8 23.♖xc4 ♖xc4 24.♖b1±) 21.bxc4 ♖xc4 (21...dxc4 22.♖ab1 ♕d6 23.♖xb8 ♕xb8 24.♕c3 ♕b6 25.♕e5 (25.♗f1 ♘d5 26.♕c2 c3 27.♕xh7 27...♘xe3! (27...♘f6 28.♕d3±) 28.♗e2 (28.♕d3 ♘d5 29.♕f3+ ♔e7! 30.♕g4 ♔f8 31.♗d3∞) 28...♕d4 29.♗h5+ ♔e7 30.fxe3 ♕xe3+ 31.♔g2 ♕d2+ 32.♔h3 ♕xc1 33.♕xg7+ ♔d6 34.♕d4+ ♔c7 35.♕c5+ ♔d7 (35...♔b7?? 36.♗f3++-) 36.♕d4+ ♔e7 37.♕g7+=) 25...c3 26.♖xc3 ♕b1+ 27.♗f1 ♖xc3 28.♕xc3 ♕xa2) 22.♕d1 ♖bc8 23.♖cb1 ♕a3 24.♖b7+ ♖8c7 25.♖ab1 ♕xa2 26.♖1b6 ♕c2 27.♗xe6+ ♔e7 28.♖xc7+ ♖xc7 29.♕xc2 ♖xc2 30.♗f5 ♖c1+ 31.♔g2 g6 32.♖e6+ ♔f7 33.♗h3 ♖c5=



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21.♕d1!?N ♖bc8 (21...♖xc1 22.♖xc1 h5! 23.♗f1 ♕g4 24.♗e2 ♕f5⇄) 22.♖ab1 ♖xc1 23.♖xc1 ♖xc1 24.♕xc1 ♕b6 25.♗f3 ♔f7 26.h4 (26.h3!?) 26...h6 27.♕c2 ♔e7 28.g4 ♘d7 29.♕h7 ♕b2 30.g5 hxg5 31.hxg5 ♕e5 32.♕d3 ♕xg5+ 33.♗g2 ♕g4 34.e4 dxe4 35.♕a3+ ♔f6 36.♕xa5 ♘e5 37.♕d8+ ♔g6 38.♔f1 e3 39.fxe3 ♕c4+ 40.♔g1 ♕xa2 41.♗e4+ ♔f7 42.♕c7+ ♔f6 43.♕d8+ ♔f7 44.♕c7+ ♔f6

45.♕d8+ ♔f7 1/2 (45) Oparin,G (2685)-Vidit,S (2723) chess.com (Int. -rapid) 152/(162) 2022

21...♖bc8 22.♖xc4

22.♕d1 ♕a3⇄

22...dxc4

22...♕xc4 23.♕d1 ♕c2 24.♕d4 a4 25.♗h3 ♔f7=

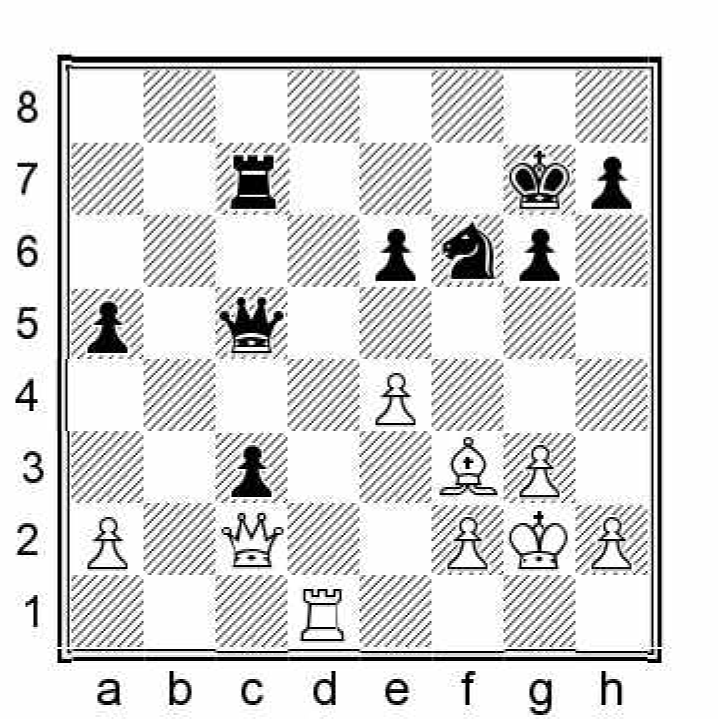
23.♗h3 ♖c6

23...♔f7!? 24.e4 c3 25.e5 ♕b2 26.♗xe6+! ♔xe6 27.♕a6+ ♔f7 (27...♔xe5 28.f4+ ♔d4 29.♖d1+ ♕d2 30.♕d6+ ♔e3 31.♖xd2 cxd2 32.♕b6+ ♔e2 33.♕a6+ ♔e3 34.♕b6+ ♔d3 35.♕b1+ ♔e2 36.♕b5+ ♔d1 37.♕b1+ ♖c1 38.♕d3 ♘d5 39.♔f2 ♘c3 40.♔e3 ♘b1 41.♔f2=) 28.♕xc8 ♕xa1+ 29.♔g2 ♕d1 30.exf6 ♕d4 31.fxg7 ♔xg7 32.♕f5=

24.♗g2 ♖c7 25.♕c2 c3 26.♖b1 ♕d6 27.♖d1 ♕e5 28.♖d3 g6 29.♗f3 ♔g7 30.♔g2 ♕f5!∓

30...h5!? 31.h4 ♕f5→

31.e4 ♕c5 32.♖d1



32...e5

32...♖b7! 33.♕e2 ♖b2 34.♕e1 c2 35.♖c1 ♖xa2 36.e5 ♘d7-+

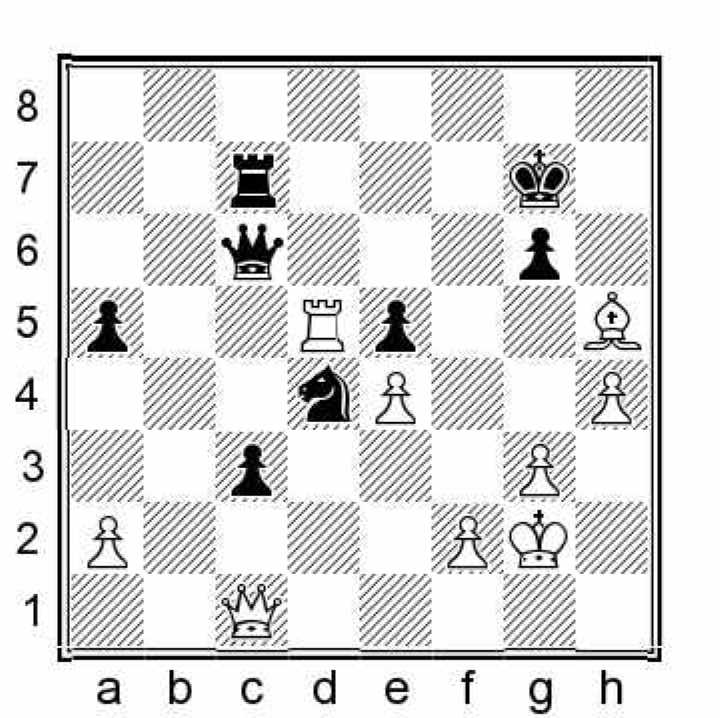
33.♖c1 ♘d7

33...g5 34.h3 h5 35.♕e2 ♔g6∓

34.♗g4 ♘b6 35.♖d1 ♕c6 36.♖d8 h5 37.♗f3 ♘d7 38.h4 ♘f8-+ 39.♖d5 ♘e6 40.♕c1

40.♖xe5 ♘d4 41.♕d1 ♘xf3 42.♕xf3 (42.♔xf3 ♕f6+) 42...c2

40...♘d4 41.♗xh5



41...♕f6!

41...gxh5?! 42.♕g5+ ♔f7 43.♕xh5+ ♕g6∓

42.♗g4 c2 43.♖xa5 ♖f7 44.f3 ♘xf3

44...♕b6 45.♖a8 ♘e2 46.♕xc2 ♕g1+ 47.♔h3 ♕xg3#

45.♖c5 ♘d4 46.♕e1 ♕a6 47.♕a1 ♕b7 48.♖xe5 ♕b1 49.♕xd4 ♕f1+ 0-1

163. E01
Carlsen, Magnus (2864) - Le, Quang Liem (2709)
Oslo (m/3-rapid) 152/163, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 a5 6.♗g2 O-O 7.a3

7.♕c2 - 151/160

7...♗e7 8.♕c2 ♘bd7 9.♗f4 c6 10.O-O a4N

10...♘h5

11.♘c3 ♕a5 12.e4

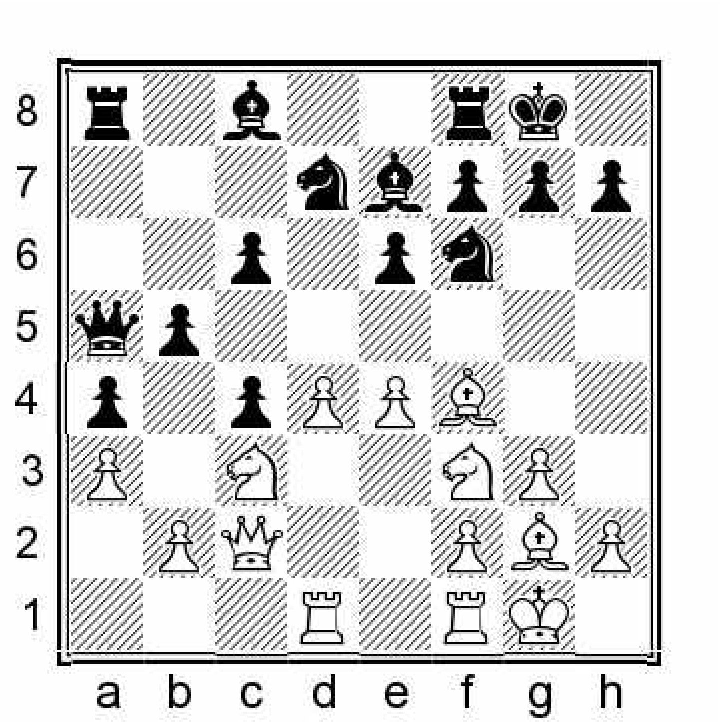
12.c5 b6! 13.cxb6 ♘xb6 14.♘e5 ♗b7 15.b4 axb3 16.♕xb3 ♖fc8 17.a4 ♗d8 18.♖fc1 ♗a6⇄

12...dxc4 13.♖ad1

13.♖fe1!? ♖e8 14.e5 ♘d5 15.♗g5∞

13...♖e8

13...b5



14.d5! cxd5 15.exd5 ♗b7 16.♖fe1± ♕b6?! 17.♘g5 e5 18.♗xe5 ♘xe5 19.♖xe5 ♗c5 20.♖f5 g6 21.d6! gxf5 22.♗xb7 ♕xb7 23.♕xf5 ♔g7 24.♘d5+-

14.♖fe1 ♘f8

14...b5 15.d5 b4 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.axb4 ♗xb4 18.♗d2 e5 19.♖a1±

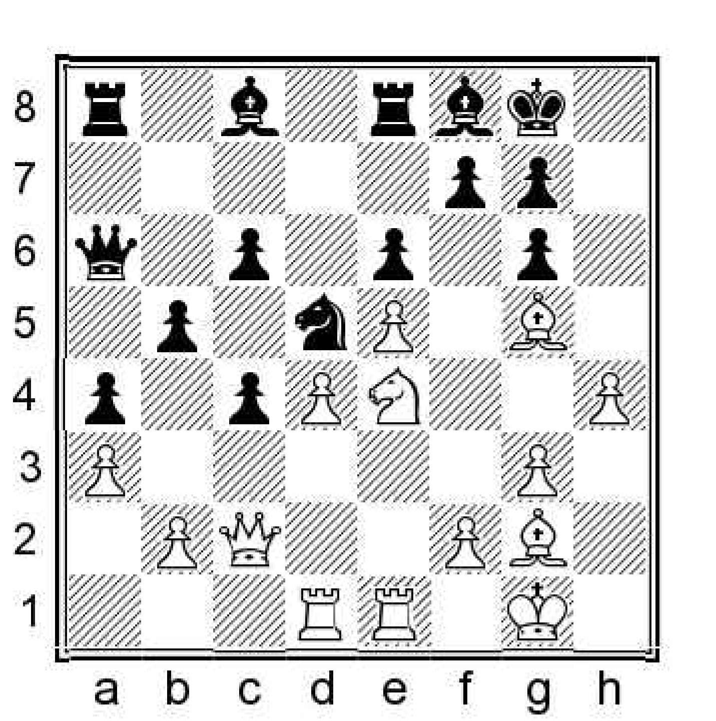
15.♘e5 ♕a6 16.h4

16.♕e2 b5 17.d5±

16...♘g6 17.♘xg6

17.♗f3?! ♘xe5 18.♗xe5 ♘d7 19.♗f4 e5! 20.dxe5 ♘c5 21.♗e2 ♗e6⇄

17...hxg6 18.♗g5 ♗f8 19.e5 ♘d5 20.♘e4 b5



20...♕b5 21.♗f1 ♕b3 22.♕e2! b5 23.h5→

21.h5! gxh5 22.♕e2 g6 23.g4 h4 24.♗xh4 b4 25.♕f3 bxa3 26.♘f6+ ♘xf6 27.♗xf6 axb2 28.♕h3 ♗g7 29.♗e4 ♕b5 30.g5

30.♕h4 c3 31.♔g2+-

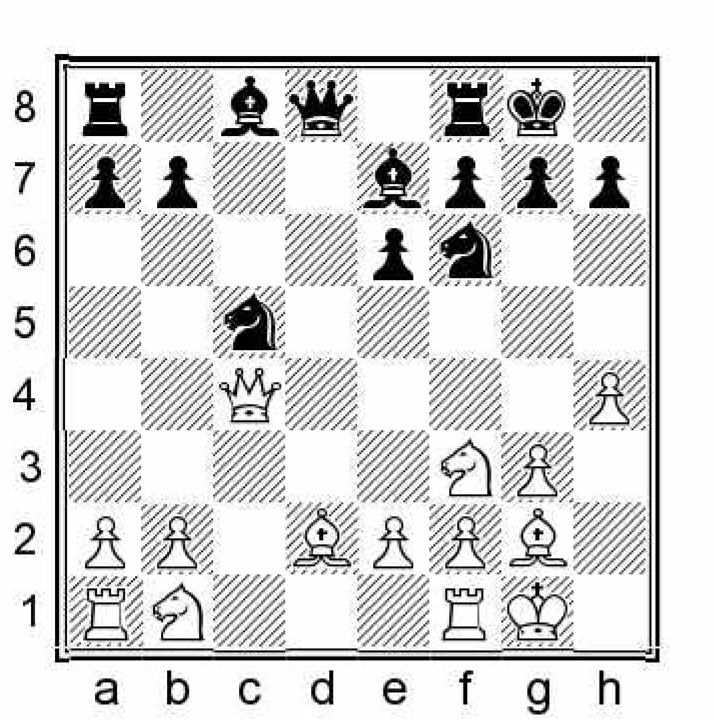
30...♕b3 31.♕h4 ♗b7 32.♔g2 c5 33.d5! exd5 34.♖h1 1-0

164. E01
Can, Emre (2578) - Brkic, Ante (2607)
Terme Catez 152/164, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.♕c2 ♘bd7 8.h4 dxc4 9.♕xc4 c5 10.dxc5N

10.O-O - 145/(157)

10...♘xc5 11.O-O



11...b5!

11...b6!? 12.♘c3 (12.♘e5? ♗a6! 13.♕c2 ♗xe2 14.♖e1 ♗d3! 15.♕d1 ♗e4 16.♘c3 ♗xg2 17.♔xg2 ♘d3 18.♘xd3 ♕xd3 19.♗e3 ♕f5∓) 12...♗b7 (12...♗a6 13.♕f4 ♖c8 14.♖fd1 ♗d6 15.♕e3 ♗b7 16.♘d4 ♗xg2 17.♔xg2 ♘g4 (17...♗b8 18.♗e1 ♘cd7 19.♖ac1 h6 20.♕d3 ♕e7=) 18.♕g5 ♘f6=) 13.♖fd1 ♖c8 14.♗e3 ♕e8! 15.♖ac1 (15.♕f4 b5⇄) 15...♘ce4 16.♕b3 ♘xc3 17.♖xc3 ♖xc3 18.♕xc3 ♘d5=

12.♕xb5?!

12.♕d4 ♗b7 13.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 14.♖c1 ♘g4!? 15.♗a5 ♖dc8 16.♘c3 a6 17.♖d1 ♗c6 18.♖ac1 ♖ab8=

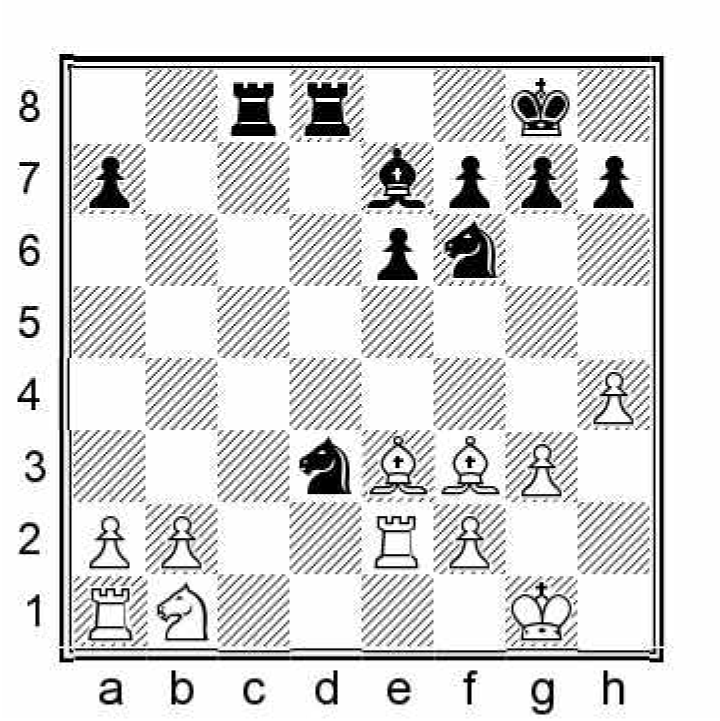
12...♗a6 13.♕a5 ♗xe2 14.♖e1 ♗xf3!

14...♕xa5 15.♗xa5 ♗xf3 16.♗xf3 ♖ab8 17.b3 ♘d3 18.♖d1 ♘e5∞

15.♗xf3 ♘d3 16.♖e2

16.♕xd8 ♖axd8 17.♖e2 ♘xb2 18.♘c3 ♘c4 19.♗e1 ♘d7 20.♘d5 ♗c5 21.♘f4 ♘de5∓

16...♖c8 17.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 18.♗e3?!



18.♔g2 ♖b8 19.♗a5 ♖dc8 20.♗c3 ♗b4!∓

18...♘e5! 19.♗b7

19.♘d2 ♖xd2! 20.♗xd2 ♘xf3+-+

19...♖c7

19...♖d1+ 20.♔g2 ♖b8 21.♗a6 ♘fg4 22.♗d2 ♖b6-+

20.♗a6

20.♗f4 ♖xb7 21.♗xe5 ♖d1+ 22.♔g2 ♘d5-+

20...♖d1+ 21.♔g2 ♘d5 22.♗d2 ♗f6

22...♗b4 23.♖xe5 ♗xd2 24.♗e2 ♖e1-+

23.♖e1 ♖xe1 24.♗xe1 ♘d3 25.♗c3 ♘3b4 0-1

165. E03
Matlakov, Maxim (2674) - Dreev, Alexey (2623)
Kazan 152/165, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 dxc4 5.♕a4+ ♘bd7 6.♕xc4 c5 7.♘f3 a6 8.♕b3

8.♕c2 - 99/337

8...♖a7 9.O-O b5N

9...♗e7 10.♖d1 O-O 11.dxc5 ♗xc5 12.♗e3! ♕e7 13.♗xc5 ♕xc5 (13...♘xc5? 14.♕b6 ♖a8 15.♘c3±) 14.♘bd2±; 9...b6 10.♘e5 ♘xe5 (10...♗b7 11.♘xd7 ♘xd7 12.♗xb7 ♖xb7 13.d5→) 11.dxe5 ♘d7

12.♘c3!? ♗e7± (12...♘xe5?! 13.♗f4 ♗d6 14.♖fd1 ♕c7 15.♖xd6! ♕xd6 16.♖d1 ♕c7 17.♗xe5 ♕xe5 18.♕xb6 ♕c7 19.♗c6++-)

10.a4! c4?!

10...b4 11.♗e3 ♘d5 12.♘bd2; 10...♕b6 11.axb5 axb5 12.♘a3! (12.♖xa7 ♕xa7 13.♕xb5 cxd4 14.♗d2±) 12...♖b7 13.♕c2 c4 14.b3!±

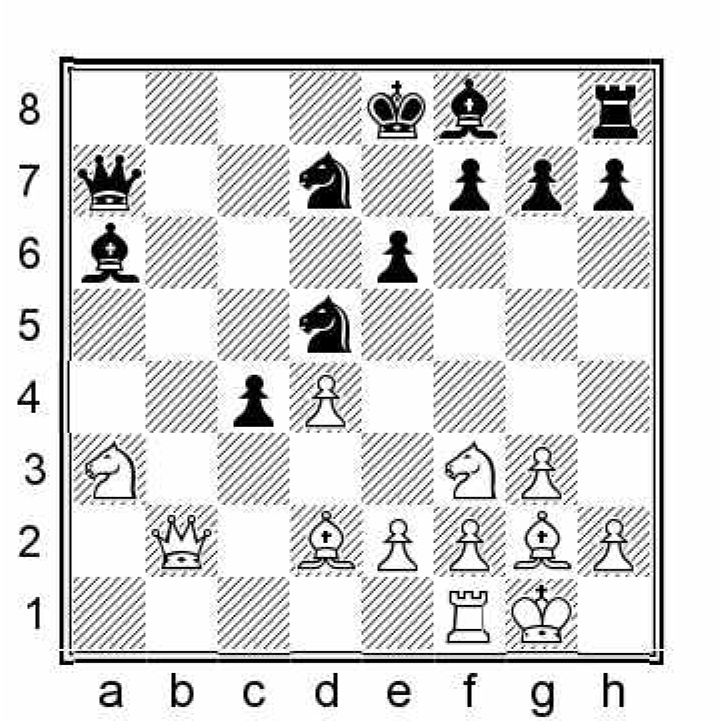
11.♕c2 ♕b6 12.b3± ♘d5 13.axb5

13.e4 ♘b4 14.♕c3 ♘f6 15.♘e5 ♗b7 16.bxc4 bxc4 17.a5 ♕d8 18.♘d2±

13...axb5 14.♖xa7 ♕xa7 15.bxc4

15.♘c3!? cxb3 16.♕xb3 ♘xc3 17.♕xc3 ♗b7 18.♘e5! ♘xe5 19.dxe5 ♕a8 20.♗xb7 ♕xb7 21.♗e3 ♗e7 22.♖a1+-

15...♘b4 16.♕b2 bxc4 17.♘a3 ♗a6 18.♗d2 ♘d5



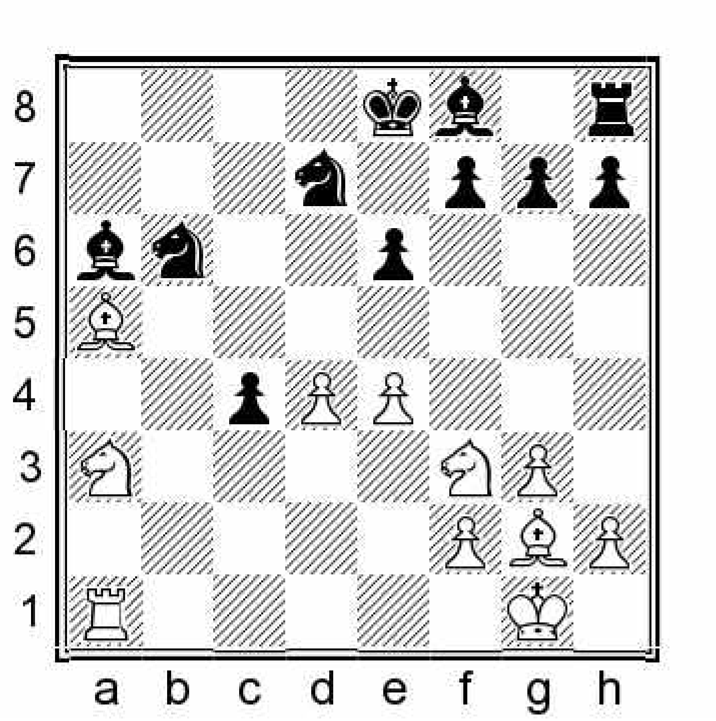
19.♖a1!+-

19.♖c1 ♕b6! 20.♕a1±

19...♕b8

19...♕b6 20.♘xc4! ♗xc4 21.♖a8+ ♔e7 22.♕a3+ ♔f6 23.♕c1 h6 24.♘e5

20.♕xb8+ ♘xb8 21.e4 ♘b6 22.♗a5 ♘8d7



23.♘b1! ♗c8 24.♘c3 ♗e7

24...♗d6 25.e5 ♗c7 26.♘d2 O-O 27.♘xc4 ♘xc4 28.♗xc7 f6 29.♖a4 ♘b2 30.♖a7+-

25.♖b1 ♗d8 26.♘b5 O-O 27.♗b4 ♗b7 28.♘d2

28.♘e1 e5 29.♗xf8 ♔xf8 30.dxe5 ♘xe5 31.♘d6+-

28...c3 29.♗xf8 cxd2 30.♗b4 ♘c4 31.♘a3 ♘xa3 32.♗xa3 ♗a5 33.♗f3 ♗c6 34.d5 exd5 35.exd5 ♗a4 36.♖b7 f5 37.♖a7 ♘e5 38.♗e2 ♘c4

38...♗b5 39.♗d1 ♘c4 40.♗c5 ♘b2 41.♗f3 ♗c3 42.♖b7 ♗a4 43.d6 d1=♕+ 44.♗xd1 ♘xd1 45.d7+-

39.♗b4 1-0

166. E04
Robson, Ray (2681) - Sevian, Samuel (2693)
USA (m/3-rapid) 152/166, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 c5 6.O-O ♘c6 7.dxc5 ♕xd1 8.♖xd1 ♗xc5 9.♘bd2 c3 10.bxc3 O-O 11.♗b2 ♗d7 12.♘b3 ♗e7 13.c4 ♖fd8 14.♘fd4 ♖ab8

14...♖ac8 - 148/167

15.♖ac1N

15.♘xc6

15...♘b4

15...♗e8 16.♘b5 (16.c5!? ♘xd4 17.♖xd4 ♖xd4 18.♗xd4 ♘d5 19.♘a5 b6 20.♗xd5 exd5 21.cxb6 axb6 22.♘c6 ♗a3 23.♖c3 ♖a8 24.♗xb6 f6 25.♗e3 ♗f8=) 16...a6 17.♖xd8 ♖xd8 18.♘5d4 ♘xd4 19.♗xd4

♗a3 20.♖c2 a5! 21.♗xf6 ♖d1+ 22.♗f1 gxf6 23.♘xa5 ♗a4 24.♘b3 f5 25.♔g2 b6⯹

16.a3

16.♘c2 ♘xc2 17.♖xc2 b6 18.♖cd2 ♗a4=

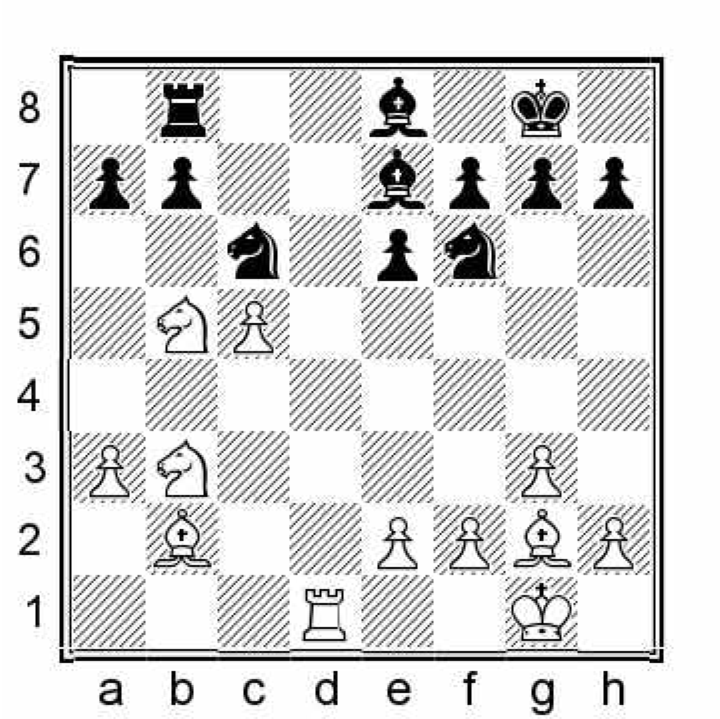
16...♘c6 17.♘b5 ♗e8

17...e5!? 18.a4 ♗e6 19.♗xc6 bxc6 20.♗xe5 cxb5 21.♗xb8 ♖xb8 22.axb5 ♖c8 23.♘d4 ♗c5 24.e3 ♔f8=

18.c5 ♖xd1+

18...♘d7 19.a4 a6 20.♘c7 ♘xc5 21.♘xc5 ♖xd1+ 22.♖xd1 ♗xc5 23.♘xe8 ♖xe8 24.♗xc6 bxc6 25.♖c1±

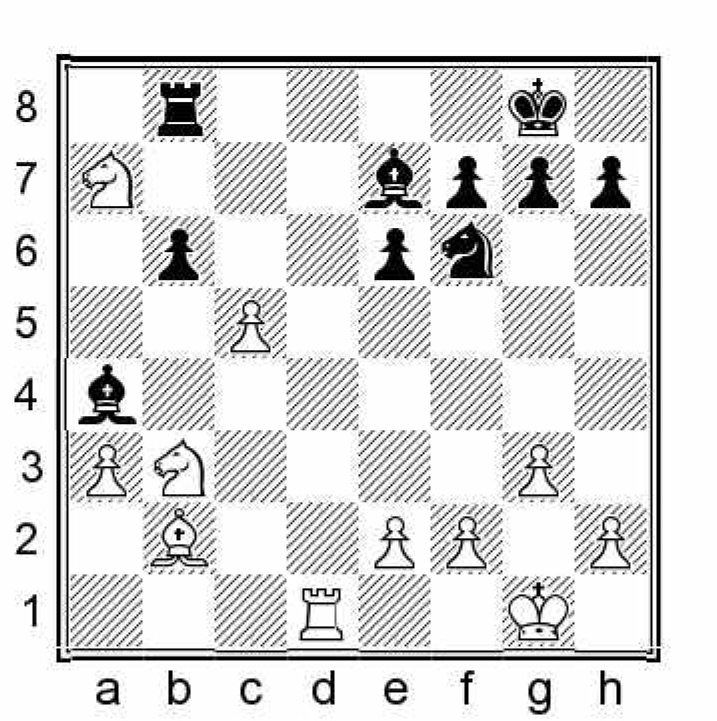
19.♖xd1



19...b6?

19...♘d8! 20.♗e5 ♖c8 21.♘d6 ♗xd6 22.♗xd6 ♗c6 23.♘a5 ♗xg2 24.♔xg2 b6 25.cxb6 axb6 26.♘b3 ♘b7 27.♗e5 ♔f8=

20.♗xc6 ♗xc6 21.♘xa7± ♗a4



22.c6! ♘e8?!

22...♗d8 23.♗xf6 gxf6 24.♖d3±

23.♖d7 ♔f8 24.♘d4

24.♘d2 ♖a8 25.♘e4 ♗c2 26.♘c3 e5 27.♘d5+-

24...♖d8 25.♖b7

25.♖xd8 ♗xd8 26.♗c3 ♗c7 27.♗b4+ ♔g8 28.♘db5+-

25...♗c5 26.♘db5 ♖d2 27.♖b8 ♗b3

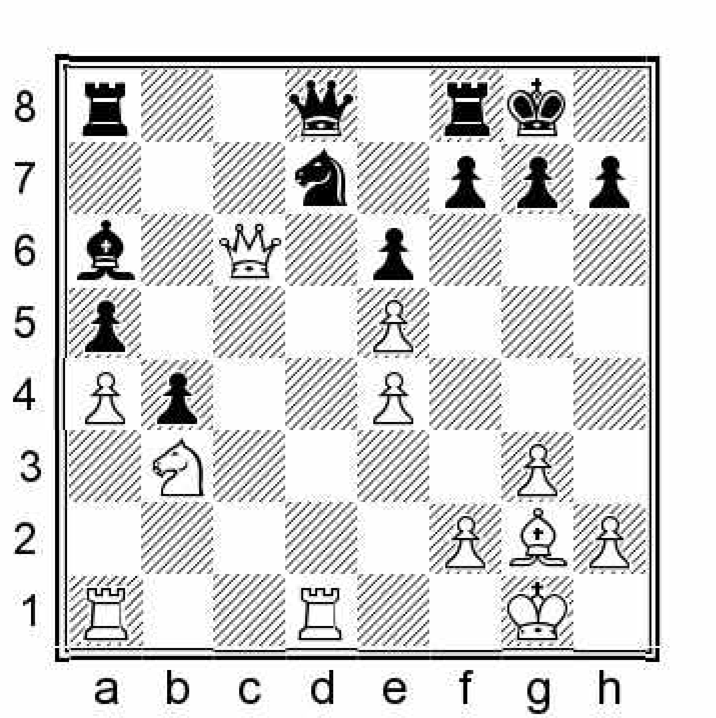
27...♗xf2+ 28.♔xf2 ♖xb2 29.c7

28.c7 ♗d5 29.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 30.c8=♕+ ♔e7 31.♘c6+ ♗xc6 32.♕xc6 ♖xb2 33.e3 ♖d2 34.a4 ♖d5 35.♔g2 ♔f6 36.a5 bxa5 37.♘c3 1-0

167. * E04
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2671) - Yilmaz, Mustafa Enes (2631)
Sharjah 152/167, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 c5

5...♗b4+ 6.♗d2 a5 7.♕c2 ♗xd2+ 8.♘bxd2 b5 9.a4 c6 10.b3 cxb3 11.♘xb3 O-O 12.O-O b4 (12...♕b6 - 101/409) 13.e4 ♘bd7 14.♘e5?!N (14.♖fd1) 14...♘xe5 15.dxe5 ♘d7∓ 16.♕xc6 ♗a6 17.♖fd1



17...♘xe5! (17...♖a7 18.♖ac1 h6 19.♖d4±) 18.♖xd8 ♘xc6 19.♖xa8 ♖xa8 20.♖c1 ♖c8 21.♖c5?! (21.♗f1 ♗b7 (21...♗xf1 22.♔xf1 ♘e7 23.♖b1=) 22.♖c5 ♔f8 23.f3 (23.f4 ♘e7 24.♖xa5 ♗xe4 25.♖b5 ♗c6 26.♖xb4 ♘d5 27.♖c4 ♘b6 28.♖c1 ♗xa4∓) 23...♔e7∓) 21...♘b8! 22.♖xa5 ♖d8 0-1 (22) Sviridov,V (2569)-Grachev,B (2615) Russia 152/(167) 2022

6.O-O ♘c6 7.♕a4 ♗d7 8.♕xc4 b5 9.♕c3 b4

9...cxd4 - 125/165

10.♕d3 ♖c8 11.♗f4 cxd4

11...♘d5 12.dxc5 ♘xf4 13.gxf4 ♗xc5 14.♘bd2 O-O 15.♘e4 ♗e7 16.♘fg5! g6 17.♖ad1 ♖c7 18.♕h3→

12.♘bd2 ♘d5 13.♗e5 ♘xe5 14.♘xe5 ♗e7 15.♖fc1N

15.♗xd5 exd5 16.♘df3 O-O 17.♘xd4 ♗f6 18.♘xd7 ♕xd7 19.e3 ♖c4 20.♖ad1 ♖fc8 21.b3 ♖c3 22.♕e2 ♕e7 23.♖d2 ♖c1 24.♕f3 ♕e4 25.♕xe4 dxe4 26.♘b5 ♔f8 27.♘d6 ♖8c2 28.♖xc1 ♖xd2 29.♘xe4 ♖xa2 30.♘xf6 gxf6=

15...O-O 16.♘b3

16.♖xc8 ♕xc8 17.♕xd4 ♘b6 18.♘xd7 ♕xd7 19.♕xd7 ♘xd7 20.♖c1 ♘c5=

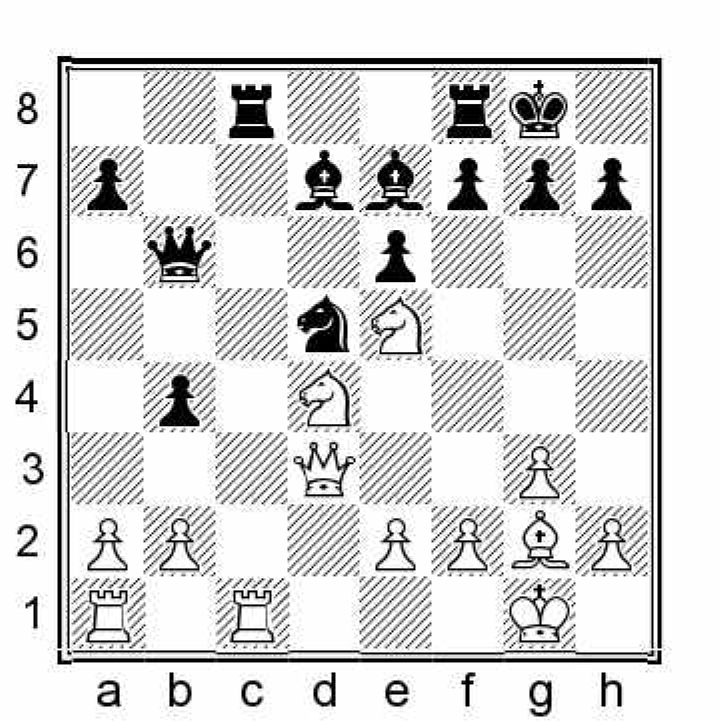
16...♗f6! 17.♘g4

17.♕xd4 ♗a4 18.♗xd5 ♕xd5 19.♕xd5 exd5 20.♘d3 ♗b5⇄

17...♗e7

17...♖xc1+!? 18.♖xc1 ♗g5 19.♖c2 ♗a4 20.♗xd5 exd5 21.♕xd4 h5 22.♘e3 ♗xb3 23.axb3 ♗xe3 24.♕xe3 d4 25.♕d3 ♕d6 26.♖c4 ♖d8=

18.♘xd4 ♕b6 19.♘e5



19...♖xc1+

19...♕d6! 20.♖xc8 ♖xc8 21.♘xd7 ♕xd7 22.e3 ♗f6=

20.♖xc1 ♖c8 21.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 22.♗xd5

22.♕c2! ♗b7 23.♕a4 ♘f6 24.♗xb7 ♕xb7 25.♕b5 ♕c8 26.♘dc6 ♗f8 27.♕a5 a6 28.♕b6±

22...exd5 23.♕f3 ♗e6 24.♘xe6= 1/2-1/2

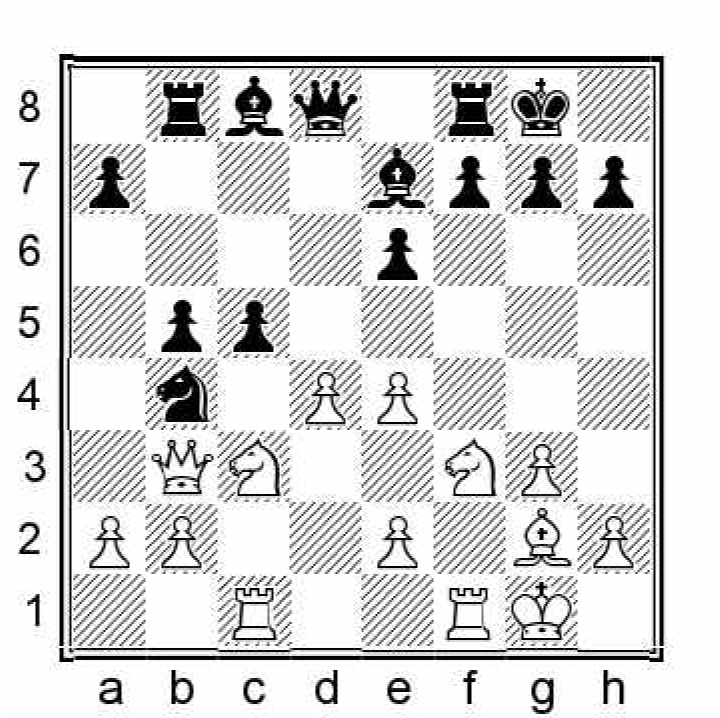
168. * E04
Mihov, Filip (2243) - Pert, Nicholas (2546)
Great Britain 152/168, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♘f3 dxc4 5.♗g2 ♘c6 6.O-O ♖b8 7.♗e3

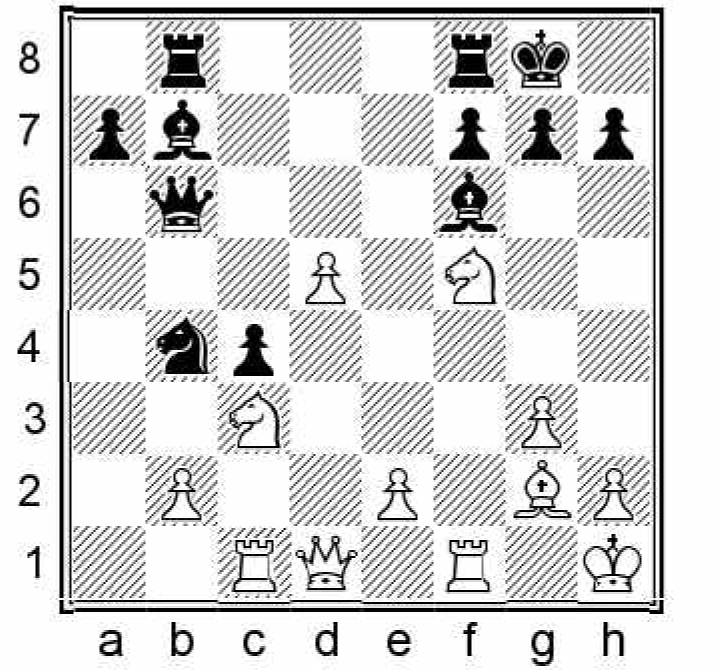
7.e3 - 148/169

7...♘d5

7...♗d6!? 8.♕c1 (8.♘fd2!?) 8...b5 9.b3 ♗b7 (9...O-O!?) 10.bxc4 bxc4 11.♘a3 (11.♕xc4 ♘b4 - 151/167) 11...c3 12.♕xc3 ♘d5 13.♕c1 O-O 14.♘c4 ♕d7!? (14...♘xe3 15.♕xe3 ♗e7 16.a3! ♗f6 17.♖fd1 ♘e7 18.♘ce5±) 15.♗d2 ♗a6! 16.♕c2 ♘cb4 17.♕b3 ♘c6 18.♕a4 ♗b5 19.♕c2 ♘cb4 20.♕c1 ♖fc8 21.♘fe5 ♕e8 22.a3 ♘c6 23.♘f3 ♘b6=; 7...♗e7 8.♕c1 ♘d5N (8...b5) 9.♕xc4 ♘xe3 10.fxe3 O-O 11.♘c3 ♘b4 12.♖ac1 c6 13.e4 b5 14.♕b3 c5⇄



15.d5 (15.dxc5 ♗xc5+ 16.♔h1 ♗e7 17.e5 ♗b7 18.♖fd1 ♕b6 19.a3 ♘a6 20.♘d4 ♗g5⇄) 15...c4 16.♕d1 exd5 17.exd5 ♕b6+ (17...♗f6 18.♘h4 ♖e8 19.a3 ♘a6 Δ Nc5∓) 18.♔h1 ♗b7 19.a3 ♘a6 20.♘d4 (20.a4!? bxa4 21.♘e5↑) 20...b4?! (20...♘c5 21.♘cxb5 ♖fd8 22.♕c2 ♗xd5 23.♗xd5 ♖xd5 24.♕xc4 ♕b7 25.e4 ♘xe4 26.♘c6 ♖xb5 27.♕xe4 ♗f6 28.b4 ♖f8 29.♖fe1 a6 30.a4 ♖g5 31.♖cd1 h5∞) 21.axb4 (21.♘f5! ♗f6 22.♘a4 ♕c7 (22...♕a5 23.♘h6+! ♔h8 24.♖xf6 gxf6 25.♕d4+-) 23.e4±) 21...♘xb4 22.♘f5 ♗f6



23.♕d2!± Deac,B (2679)-Kosteniuk,A (2516) chess.com (Int. -blitz) 152/(168) 2022

8.♗g5

8.♕c1 ♘xe3 (8...b5 9.a4 b4 10.♕xc4 ♘xe3 11.fxe3 ♘a5 12.♕d3 ♗d6 13.♘bd2 O-O 14.♘e4 ♖b6

15.♘c5 ♗xc5 16.dxc5 ♖b8 (16...♕xd3 17.exd3 ♖b8 18.c6 ♘xc6 19.♖fc1↑) 17.♖ac1 ♕e7 18.c6 ♖d8 19.♕c2±) 9.♕xe3 (9.fxe3 g6 10.♕xc4 ♗h6 11.e4 (11.♕d3 O-O 12.e4 b6!? 13.♖d1 ♘e7 14.♘c3 c5∓) 11...O-O (11...♗e3+ 12.♔h1 ♗xd4 13.♖d1 ♗xb2 14.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 15.♘a3 ♗xa1 16.e5↑) 12.♘a3 ♕e7 13.♘c2 e5 14.e3 a5⇄) 9...♗e7 (9...g6 10.♘bd2 ♗g7 11.♘xc4 O-O 12.♖fd1 ♕e7 13.♖ac1 ♖d8 14.a3 ♗d7 15.b4±) 10.♘bd2 b5 11.b3=∞

8...♗e7 9.♗xe7 ♘dxe7

9...♕xe7 10.e4 (10.♕c1 - 151/(167)) 10...♘f6 11.♘bd2 b5 12.♕c1 O-O 13.a4 a6 14.axb5 axb5 15.b3 ♖d8 16.e5 ♘d5 (16...♘e8 17.bxc4 ♘xd4 18.♘xd4 ♖xd4 19.♕c3 ♖d8 (19...c5 20.cxb5 ♖xb5 21.♘b3 ♖db4 22.♘a5 ♕c7 23.♘c6↑) 20.c5 ♕d7 21.♖fd1=∞) 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.♕xc4 ♕e8!? 19.♘e4 ♘ce7 20.♘c5 ♗d7=

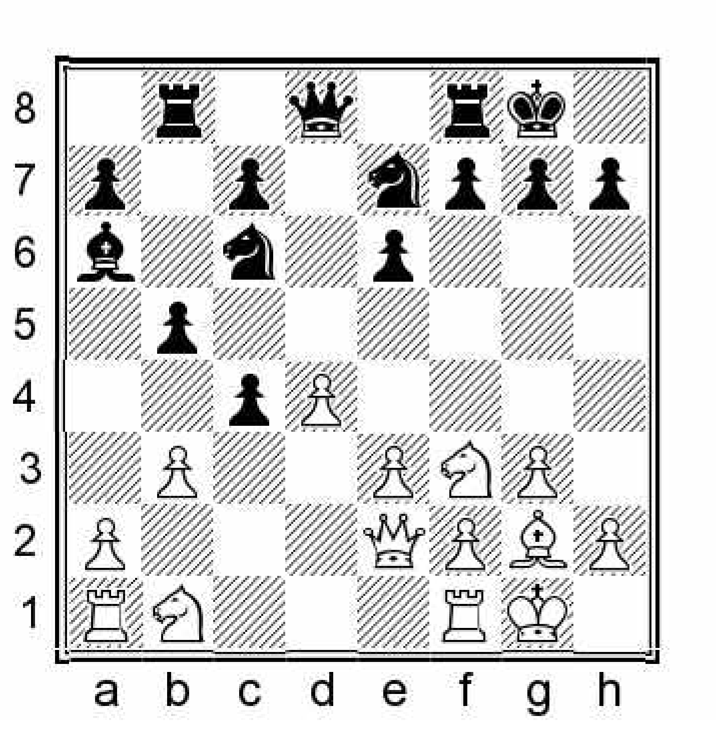
10.e3N

10.♘c3

10...O-O 11.♕e2

11.♕c1!? b5 12.b3 cxb3 13.axb3 ♖b6!? 14.♘bd2 ♗b7 15.♖d1 ♕a8∞

11...b5 12.b3 ♗a6



12...cxb3 13.axb3 ♖b6 14.♘c3 ♘d5 15.♘e4 Δ Rfc1↑

13.♖c1

13.♘c3!? ♘a5 14.♘e4 ♗b7 15.♘c5 ♗xf3 16.♗xf3 c6 17.♖fd1 ♘d5 18.♕e1!?=∞

13...♘b4 14.♘bd2 ♘d3 15.♖c2 ♘b4 16.♖cc1 c5 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.♘xc4 cxd4 19.♘xd4 ♘f5 20.♘xf5 exf5 21.♕d2

21.♖d1 ♕c7 22.♖ac1 ♖fd8=

21...♕xd2 22.♘xd2 ♖fc8 23.a3 ♘d3 24.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 25.♘b3 g6 26.♘d4 ♘e5 27.♗f1 ♗b7 28.♗g2 ♗e4 29.♗xe4 fxe4 30.♖b1 ♘f3+ 31.♘xf3 exf3 32.g4 ♖c3 33.h3 ♖xa3 34.♔h2 ♖a6 35.♖b7 ♖a5 36.♔g3 ♔g7 37.♔xf3 h5 38.gxh5 ♖xh5 39.♔e4 1/2-1/2

169. E04
Papp, Gabor (2574) - Rabiega, Robert (2505)
Deutschland 152/169, 2022

1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 ♘c6 6.♕a4 ♘d7 7.♕xc4 ♘b6 8.♕b5 a6 9.♕d3 e5 10.♘xe5 ♘b4 11.♕d1 ♕xd4 12.♕xd4 ♘c2+ 13.♔d1 ♘xd4 14.♗e3 ♘f5 15.♗xb6 cxb6 16.♘c3 ♗c5 17.♘d3

17.e3 - 100/377

17...O-O 18.♘xc5 bxc5 19.e3 ♖b8N

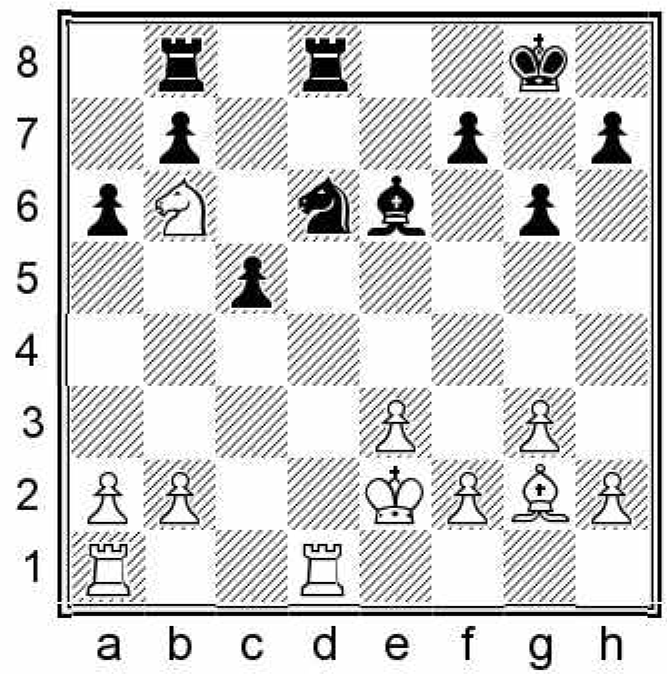
19...♗e6

20.♔e2

20.♔c2 ♗e6 (20...b5 21.♖hd1 (21.♖ad1?! ♗e6 22.♘d5 a5 23.♘c7 b4 24.♔b1 ♖bc8 25.♘xe6 fxe6 26.♖d7±) 21...♗b7 22.♗xb7 ♖xb7 23.♖d5 ♘h6 24.h3!±) 21.♖hd1 ♘e7 22.♖d6±

20...b6

20...g6 21.♖hd1 ♗e6 22.♘d5 ♖fd8 23.♘b6 ♘d6

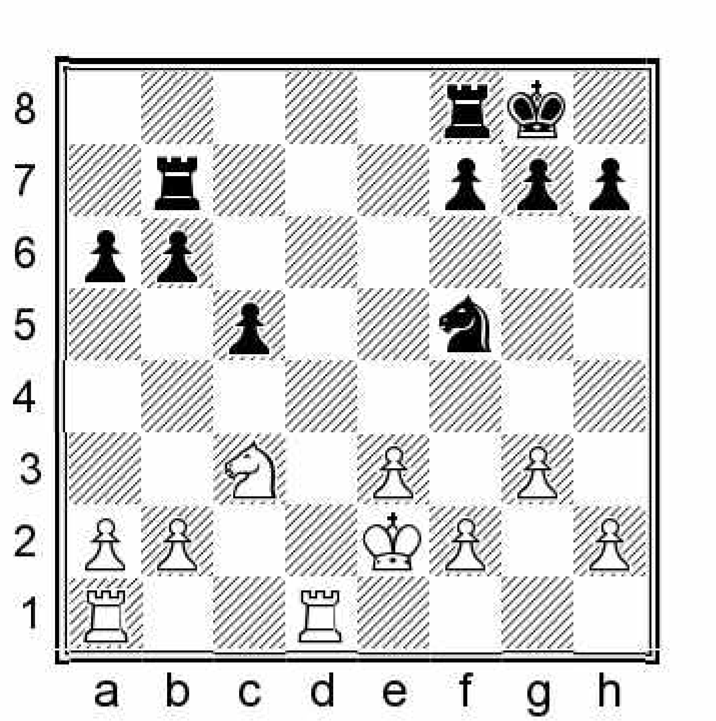


24.♔e1! (24.a3?! ♘c4!=; 24.♖ac1!? ♗xa2 25.♖xc5±) 24...♔f8 (24...♘c4?! 25.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 26.♘xc4 ♗xc4 27.b3 ♗e6 28.♗xb7±) 25.♖ac1 ♗xa2 26.♖xc5

21.♖hd1 ♗b7

21...♗e6 22.♗d5! ♖fe8 23.♗xe6 ♖xe6 24.♖d7 ♘d4+ 25.♔f1 ♘b5 26.♖ad1 ♔f8 27.♘e2!±

22.♗xb7 ♖xb7



23.♖d2

23.♖d5!? ♘e7 24.♖d2 f5 25.♖ad1 ♖fb8 26.♖d6 ♔f7 27.h3 c4 28.g4!↑

23...♖e8 24.♖ad1 ♔f8

24...♘d4+ 25.♔f1 ♘b5 26.♘e2! ♔f8 27.g4 ♘a7 28.g5 ♘c6 29.♘f4 ♘e5 30.♔e2±

25.♖d7± ♖xd7 26.♖xd7 b5

26...♘d4+ 27.♔f1 ♘f3 28.h4

27.♔f3 c4 28.♘d5 ♘e7?

28...♖e6 29.♔f4±

29.♘xe7+- ♖xe7 30.♖d8+ ♖e8 31.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 32.♔e4

32.♔e4 ♔d7 33.♔d5 ♔c7 34.♔c5 h5 35.e4 (35.a4? c3! 36.bxc3 bxa4 37.♔b4 g5 38.f4 gxf4 39.exf4 ♔d6 40.♔xa4 ♔c5=) 35...g5 36.f4

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170. E05
Ding, Liren (2799) - Wei, Yi (2729)
Hangzhou (m/1) 152/170, 2022

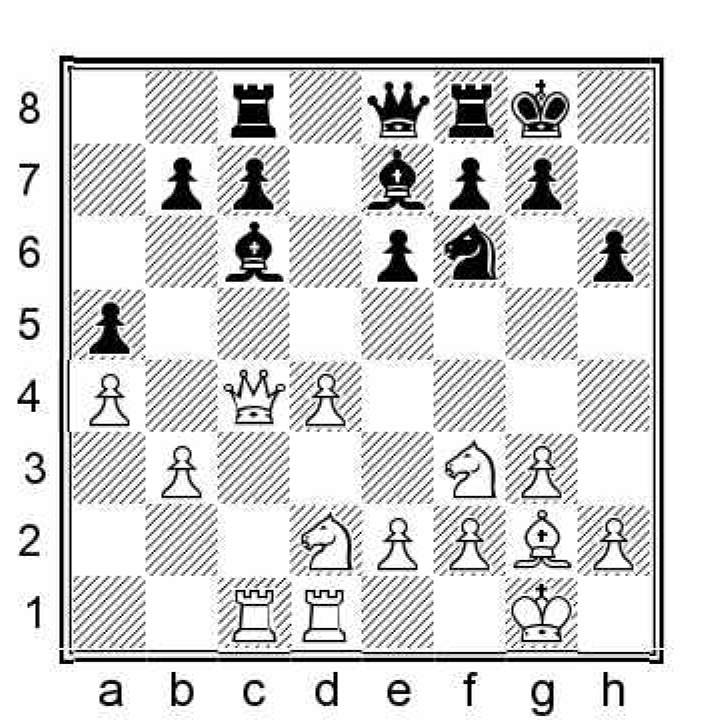
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.♘f3 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 a6 8.a4 ♗d7 9.♕xc4 ♗c6 10.♗g5 ♘bd7 11.♖d1 a5

11...♗d5 - 68/433

12.♘bd2 h6 13.♗xf6 ♘xf6 14.♖ac1 ♕e8N

14...♗b4

15.b3 ♖c8



15...♗a3 16.♖c2 ♗b4 17.e3 ♘e4 18.♕d3 ♘xd2 19.♘xd2 ♗xg2 20.♔xg2 c5 (20...♗xd2 21.♕xd2 c6 22.♖c5±) 21.♘f3 ♖d8 22.♕e2 (22.♕e4 ♖d5 23.♖dc1 cxd4 24.♘xd4 ♗a3 25.♖c8 ♕d7) 22...♕e7 23.dxc5 ♗xc5 24.♖cd2 b6 25.♖d3 ♖xd3 26.♕xd3 ♕b7=

16.♘e5! ♗xg2

16...♗d5 17.♕d3 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 ♗b4 19.♕f3 ♘d5 20.♖c2 c6 21.e4 ♘e7 22.♘dc4±

17.♔xg2 c5

17...c6 18.e3±

18.♘df3± ♗d6

18...cxd4 19.♕xd4 ♗a3 20.♖c4! ♖xc4 21.♕xc4 ♘d5 22.♖d3 ♕e7 23.e4±

19.h4

19.♘d3 cxd4 20.♕xd4 ♗a3 21.♖xc8 ♕xc8 22.♖a1! ♗e7 23.♖c1 ♕b8 24.♕b6±

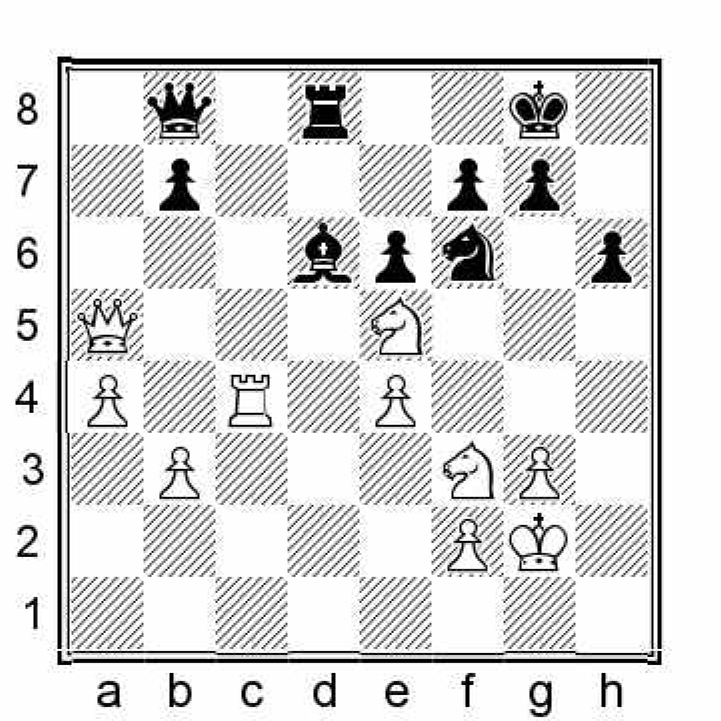
19...cxd4 20.♕xd4 ♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♕b8 22.♖c4 ♖d8 23.e4

23.g4!?→

23...♘e8 24.h5 ♘f6?!

24...♗b4 25.♕b6±

25.♕b6 ♘xh5 26.♕xa5± ♘f6



27.♘xf7! ♔xf7 28.e5 ♘d5 29.exd6 ♕xd6 30.♕e1 ♔g8 31.♕e4 ♖e8 32.b4 ♘b6

32...b6 33.a5 bxa5 34.bxa5 ♘f6 35.♕c2±

33.♖d4 ♘d5 34.♘e5 ♖f8 35.a5 ♖f5 36.♘d3 ♕e7 37.♘c5+- ♔f7 38.♖d2 b6 39.♘d3

39.♖xd5! ♖xd5 40.axb6

39...♕b7 40.♖e2 ♖f6 41.axb6 ♕a8

41...♕a8 42.♘e5+ ♔g8 43.♔g1 ♘xb6 44.♘g4

1-0

171. E05
Meskovs, Nikita (2553) - Hammer, Jon Ludvig (2627)
Sverige 152/171, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 a6 8.a4 ♗d7 9.♗g5 ♗c6 10.♖d1 b5 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.♘bd2

12.♘c3 - 147/167

12...g6 13.e3N

13.b3

13...♗d5

13...♗g7 14.b3 cxb3 15.♘xb3 bxa4 16.♘c5=∞

14.b3

14.e4 ♗c6 15.b3 cxb3 16.♘xb3 bxa4 17.♘c5 a5 18.♘xa4 ♗g7 19.♘c5 ♕e7 20.e5 ♘a6 21.♘d3 ♗d5∓

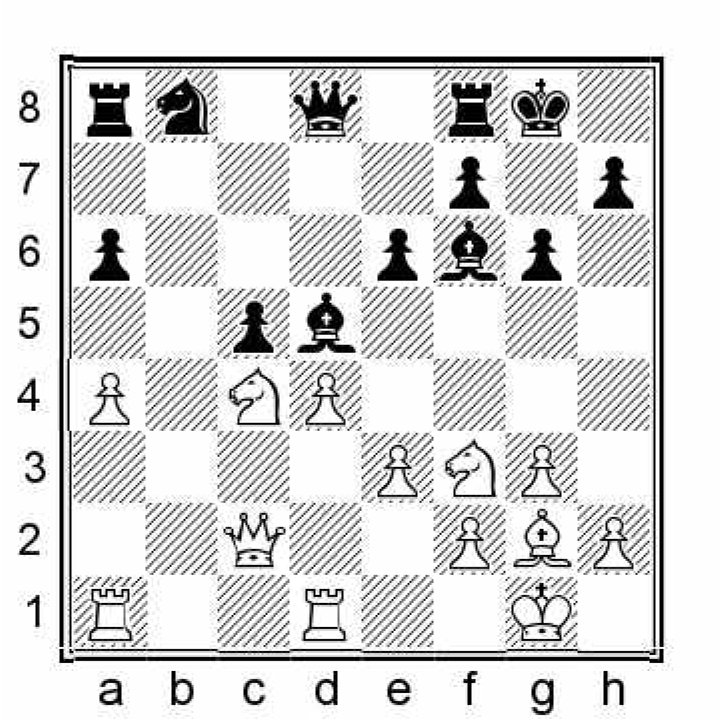
14...c5

14...cxb3 15.♘xb3 ♘c6 16.♘c5 ♕e7 17.h4 ♗g7∞ (17...h5 18.♖ab1±)

15.bxc4

15.axb5 cxb3 16.♕xc5 ♘d7 17.♕c3 axb5 18.♘xb3 b4 19.♕c2 ♖c8 20.♕b1 ♖c3⇄

15...bxc4 16.♘xc4



16...♖a7! 17.♖ac1?!

17.e4 ♗xc4 18.dxc5 ♗xa1 (18...♖d7 19.♖xd7 ♘xd7 20.♖c1 ♘xc5 21.♕xc4 ♗e7 22.♘d4 ♕c7 23.♘b3 ♕a7 24.♘xc5 ♖c8=) 19.♖xd8 ♖xd8 20.♕xc4 ♖c7 21.e5 ♖d1+ 22.♗f1 ♖d5 23.♕h4 ♘c6⇄

17...♗xf3 18.♗xf3 cxd4 19.exd4 ♖d7∓ 20.♘e5 ♖xd4 21.♕c5 ♖xd1+ 22.♖xd1 ♕c8!

22...♕e7 23.♕xe7 ♗xe7 24.a5 ♖c8 25.♘d7 ♘xd7 26.♖xd7 ♗b4 27.♗e2∓

23.♕e3 ♕c7 24.♘g4

24.♘d3 ♖d8 25.♕c5 ♕xc5 26.♘xc5 ♖xd1+ 27.♗xd1 ♔f8 28.♗e2 a5 29.♗b5 ♔e7∓

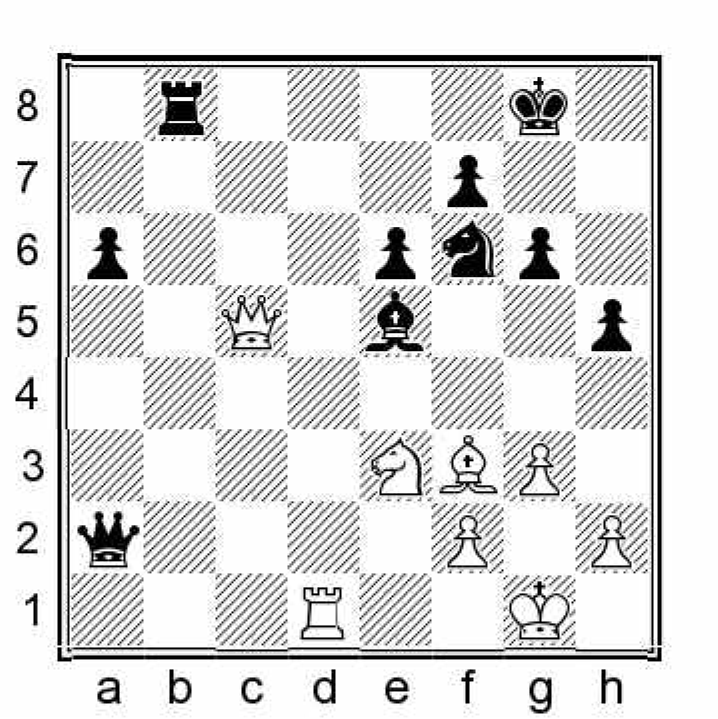
24...♗g7 25.♖c1 ♕a5 26.♕f4 ♘d7 27.♕d6

27.h4 h5 28.♘h6+ ♗xh6 29.♕xh6 ♕xa4 30.♗xh5 ♕e4∓

27...♕xa4-+ 28.♖c6 ♘b8 29.♖b6 h5! 30.♘e3 ♕d4 31.♕c7 ♗e5 32.♕b7 ♘d7 33.♖b4 ♕a1+ 34.♖b1 ♕a2 35.♖d1

35.♖c1 ♕a3 36.♖c4 ♖d8 37.♔g2 ♗f6 38.♖c6 a5 39.♘c4 ♕a2 40.♕c7 h4 41.♕xa5 h3+

35...♘f6 36.♕b4 ♖b8 37.♕c5



37...♗a1!

37...♕b2?? 38.♘c4+-

38.♔g2 ♔g7 39.♘c4 ♗c3 40.♕c7 ♖f8 41.h3 ♗b4 42.g4 h4 43.♕f4

43.♘e5 ♕a5 44.♕xa5 ♗xa5 45.♖a1 ♗c3

43...♗e7 44.♘e5 ♕a3 45.♘c6

45.♖d3 ♕b4 46.♖d4 ♕c5

45...♘h7 46.♘xe7 ♕xe7 47.♖a1 ♖c8 48.♖xa6 ♖c3 49.♖c6

49.♗e4 ♘g5 50.♕b8 ♕c7 51.♕xc7 ♖xc7 52.♗c6 e5 53.♔h2 ♘e6

49...♖a3 50.♕c1 ♕b4 51.♖b6 ♕c3 52.♕xc3+ ♖xc3 53.♗e2 ♘g5 54.f3 ♖c2 0-1

172. E06
Mareco, Sandro (2653) - Acosta, Pablo Ismael (2448)
Cipolletti 152/172, 2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O c6 7.♕c2 b6 8.♘bd2 ♗b7 9.♖d1

9.e4 - 140/176

9...♘a6 10.a3 ♖c8 11.b4 ♘c7N

11...c5

12.c5 ♘d7 13.e4

13.h4!? h6 14.♖b1 f5 15.♘b3±

13...♗a6

13...dxe4 14.♘xe4 ♘f6 15.♘e5 ♘cd5 16.h4 h6 17.♗d2 ♘xe4 18.♕xe4 ♗a6 19.♖ac1±

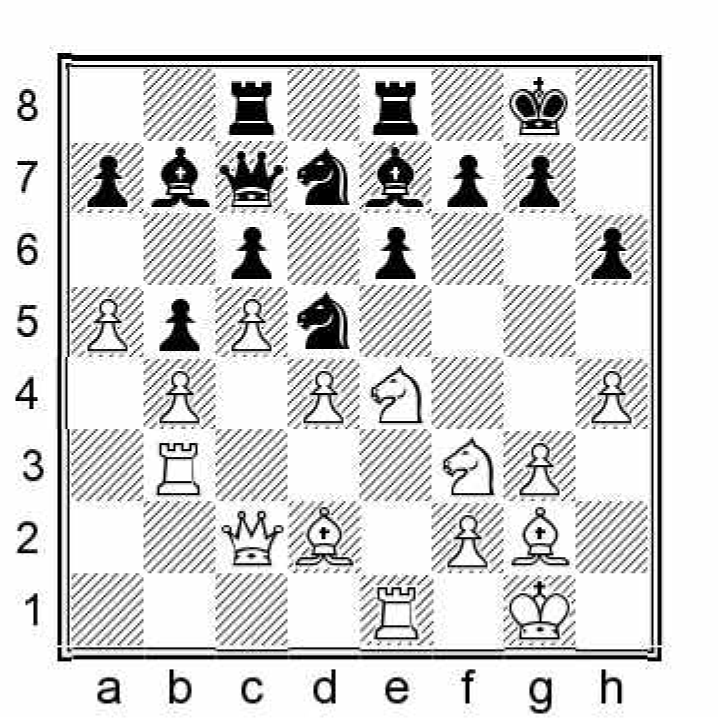
14.♖e1 h6

14...dxe4 15.♘xe4 ♘d5 16.♗g5! f6 17.♗d2 ♖e8 18.♕b3 ♘f8 19.♖ac1 ♕d7 20.h4!?→; 14...bxc5 15.dxc5 e5 16.♗h3! ♘e6 17.♗b2 d4 18.♘c4 ♕c7 19.♗c1 h6 20.♗d2→

15.♖b1 dxe4 16.♘xe4 ♘d5 17.♗d2 ♕c7 18.a4 ♖fd8 19.h4 ♗b7 20.♖b3 b5 21.a5

21.♘c3!? bxa4 22.♘xd5 cxd5 23.♖b2 ♖a8 24.♕xa4 a6 25.♗f4±

21...♖e8



22.♘c3

22.g4! ♖cd8 (22...♘f4 23.g5 ♘xg2 24.♔xg2 h5 25.♘e5 ♖cd8 26.♗f4+-; 22...a6 23.g5 hxg5 24.hxg5 g6 25.♘h2! ♔g7 26.♘g4→) 23.g5→

22...♘7f6 23.♘e5 ♖cd8 24.♘e2

24.♘xd5!? exd5 25.♗f4 ♗f8 26.♖be3±

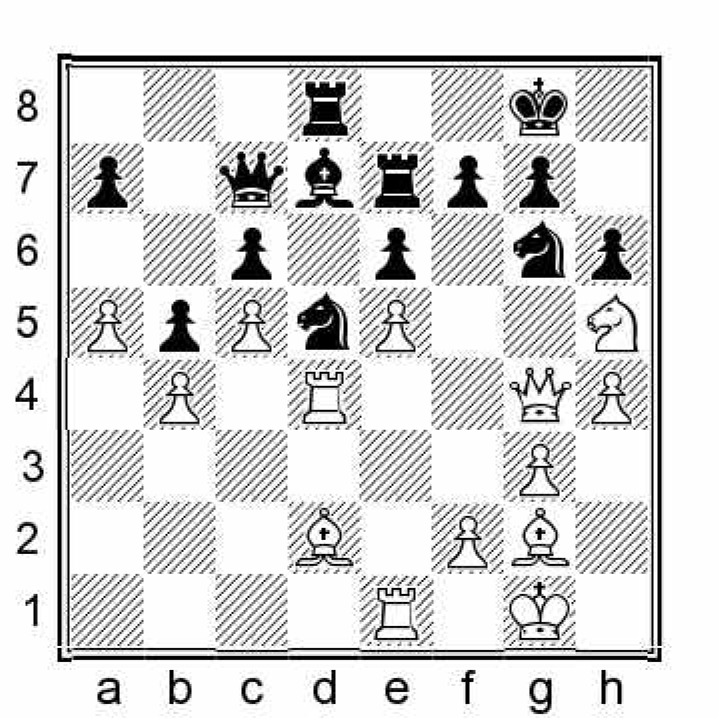
24...♘d7 25.♘f4 ♗f6

25...♘xe5 26.dxe5 ♘xf4 27.♗xf4 ♖d7 28.♗d2 ♖ed8 29.♗c3 a6 30.♗e4 ♗c8 31.♕e2 ♗f8 32.h5 ♗e7 33.♗c2+-

26.♕e4 ♘f8 27.♘h5 ♗xe5 28.dxe5 ♘g6 29.♖d3

29.♕g4!? ♔h8 30.♘xg7 ♔xg7 31.♖f3 ♔h7 32.♕h5+-

29...♗c8 30.♖d4 ♖e7 31.♕g4 ♗d7



31...♔h7 32.♗e4→

32.♘xg7!+- ♔xg7 33.h5 ♖h8

33...♗e8 34.hxg6 fxg6 35.♕h4 g5 36.♗xg5 hxg5 37.♕xg5+ ♔f8 38.♖h4 ♖h7 39.♖xh7 ♕xh7 40.♕xd8

34.hxg6 fxg6 35.♕h4 g5

35...♖f7 36.♗e4 g5 37.♕h5

36.♖g4 ♗e8 37.♗xd5 cxd5 38.♗xg5 1-0

173. E08
Bai, Jinshi (2593) - Li, Di (2579)
Hangzhou 152/173, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.♘f3 O-O 6.O-O ♘bd7 7.♕c2 c6 8.♖d1 b6 9.b3 ♗b7 10.♘c3 ♖c8 11.e4 dxe4 12.♘g5 c5 13.dxc5 ♗xc5 14.♘cxe4

14.♗xe4 - 73/564

14...♗xe4 15.♘xe4 ♘xe4 16.♗xe4 f5

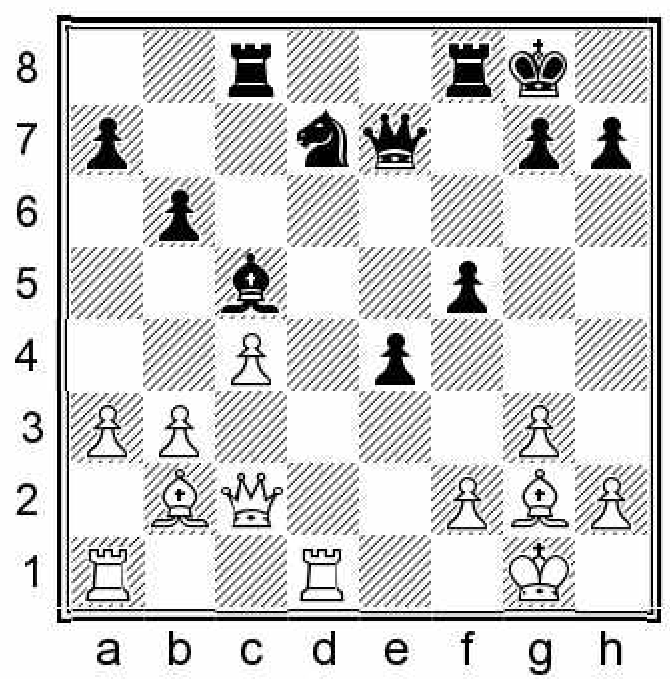
16...h6 17.♗b2±

17.♗g2 ♕e7 18.a3N

18.♖e1 e5!?⇄ 19.♗b2 e4 20.♖ad1 ♘e5 21.♖d5 ♘g4 22.♗d4 ♗xd4 23.♖xd4 ♖cd8

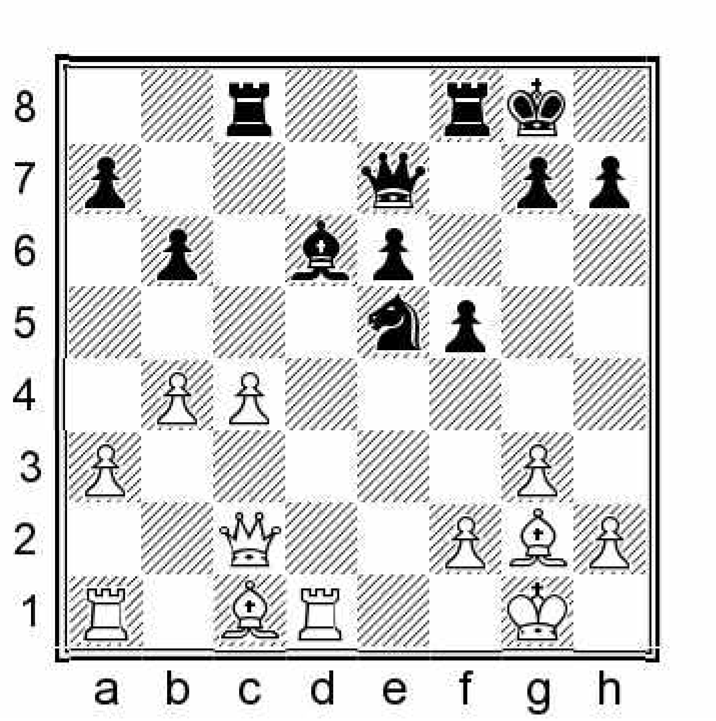
18...♘e5

18...e5 19.♗b2 e4



20.♕d2! (20.b4 ♗d6 21.♖d5 ♘e5 22.♗xe5 ♗xe5 23.♖ad1 ♖fd8∞) 20...♖cd8 (20...♘e5 21.♕d5+ ♘f7 22.b4 (22.♕xf5?! ♘g5 23.♕d5+ ♔h8 24.♖f1 a5 25.♖ae1 ♖cd8 26.♕e5 ♕xe5 27.♗xe5 ♖d3∞) 22...g6!? 23.♕d2± (23.bxc5? ♖fd8)) 21.b4 ♘f6 22.♕f4 ♘h5 23.♕e5 ♕xe5 24.♗xe5 ♗e7 25.g4!?±

19.b4 ♗d6



20.♗g5! ♕xg5

20...♕c7 21.♖ac1 ♘f7 22.♗d2 f4 23.♕b3! ♕e7 24.♕f3 ♘e5 25.♕e4±

21.♖xd6 ♕e7 22.♖ad1

22.♖d4! ♘c6 23.♗xc6 ♖xc6 24.♖ad1 ♖c7 (24...♕c7 25.♖d7!) 25.♖d6 ♖fc8 26.♕e2 ♖xc4 27.♖xe6 ♕f8 28.♖d7±

22...♘xc4 23.♖d7 ♕f6□

23...♕g5? 24.♗b7! ♘xa3 25.♕a2 ♖c1 26.♕xa3+-

24.♕e2 ♘xa3?!

24...♘e5! 25.♖xa7 f4 26.♖e1 ♘c6 27.♗xc6 ♖xc6 28.b5 fxg3 29.hxg3 ♖c5 30.♕xe6+ ♕xe6 31.♖xe6 ♖xb5 32.f4 ♖a5 33.♖xa5 bxa5 34.♖e5 ♖a8 35.a4±

25.♖xa7+- ♖c2 26.♕a6 ♘c4

26...f4 27.♕xa3 fxg3 28.♕xg3 ♖xf2 29.h3 ♖f5 30.♔h1 ♖g5 31.♕e3

27.♖dd7 ♖c1+

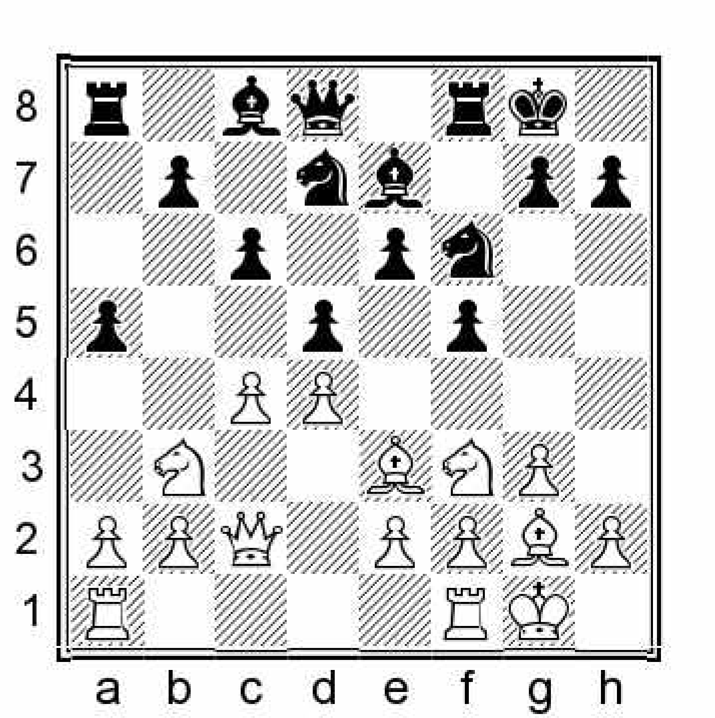
27...♔h8 28.♖xg7 ♕xg7 29.♖xg7 ♔xg7 30.♗f1 ♘d2 31.♕xb6 ♘xf1 32.♔xf1 f4 33.♕d4+ ♖f6 34.gxf4 ♔f7 35.b5

28.♗f1 f4 29.♕b7 ♖xf1+ 30.♔xf1 ♘e3+ 31.♔g1 ♘f5 32.♖a8 fxg3 33.hxg3 h5 34.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 35.♕xb6 1-0

174. * !N E08
Gelfand, Boris (2669) - Volokitin, Andrei (2681)
Israel 152/174, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 c6 7.O-O O-O 8.♕c2 ♘bd7 9.♗f4 b6

9...a5 10.♘bd2 ♘h5 11.♗e3 f5?! (11...b6 12.♖fd1 ♗a6=; 11...a4 - 52/501) 12.♘b3 ♘hf6?!



(12...a4 13.♘c1 ♘b6±) 13.♘c1!N (13.♖fd1) 13...♘e4 14.♘d3 ♗f6 (14...♗d6±) 15.♖ac1 ♕e7± Matlakov,M (2674)-Caruana,F (2792) Warszawa (blitz) 152/(174) 2021

10.♘bd2

10.cxd5!?

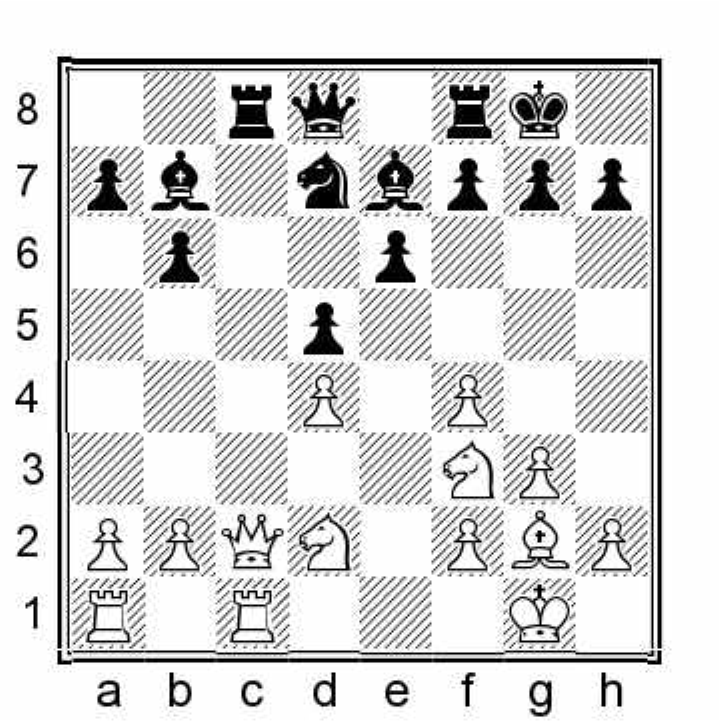
10...♘h5

10...♗a6 - 64/(447)

11.e3

11.♗e3

11...♗b7 12.cxd5 ♘xf4 13.exf4 cxd5 14.♖fc1 ♖c8



15.♕a4!

15.♕d1=

15...a6 16.♗f1?!N

16.♖xc8 ♕xc8 17.♗f1 ♕c7 18.♗d3 ♗d6 19.h4±; 16.♕b3 ♖xc1+ 17.♖xc1 ♘f6 18.♘e5 ♕d6 19.♗f1±; 16.h4

16...b5 17.♕d1

17.♕b3!?

17...♕b6 18.♕b3 ♖xc1 19.♖xc1 ♖c8 20.♖e1

20.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 21.♕c2 ♗b7 22.♘b3 g6=

20...g6

20...♗f8!?

21.♕e3 ♖c2

21...♘f6 22.f5 gxf5 23.♕g5+ ♔f8 24.♕h6+ ♔g8 25.♕g5+=

22.♖b1

22.f5!? gxf5 23.♗d3 ♖xb2 24.♗xf5 ♘f8 25.h4∞

22...♗f8

22...♖c7!? 23.♘e5 ♘f6∞

23.♗d3

23.h4!?

23...♖c7 24.h4

24.♘e5!?

24...h5

24...♘f6!?=

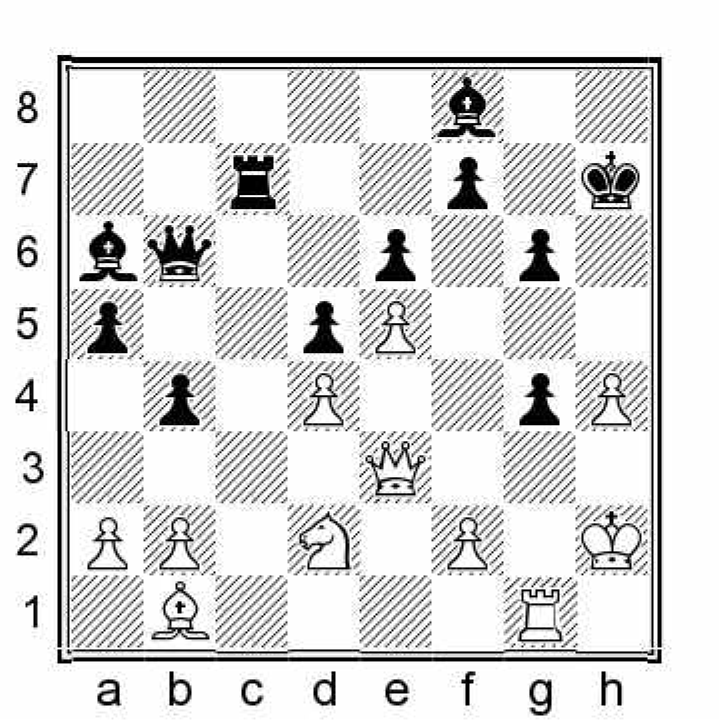
25.♘e5 ♘xe5 26.fxe5 b4 27.♔h2

27.g4 hxg4 28.h5 a5 29.hxg6 ♗a6 30.gxf7+ ♖xf7 31.♔g2 ♗xd3 32.♕xd3 ♗g7 33.♘b3 ♗xe5 34.♖e1 ♗g7 35.♕g6 ♖f6 36.♕xg4±

27...a5 28.g4 hxg4 29.♖g1 ♗a6 30.♗b1

30.♗xa6 ♕xa6 31.♖xg4 ♕c6=

30...♔h7??



30...♕b5 31.♖e1 b3 32.axb3 ♕b8 33.f3 gxf3 34.♘xf3 a4 35.♘d2 f5=

31.h5??

31.♖xg4 ♗h6 32.♕f3 ♕b8 (32...♗xd2 33.h5 ♔g8 34.hxg6+-) 33.h5 ♔g8 34.♘b3 ♗g7 35.hxg6+-

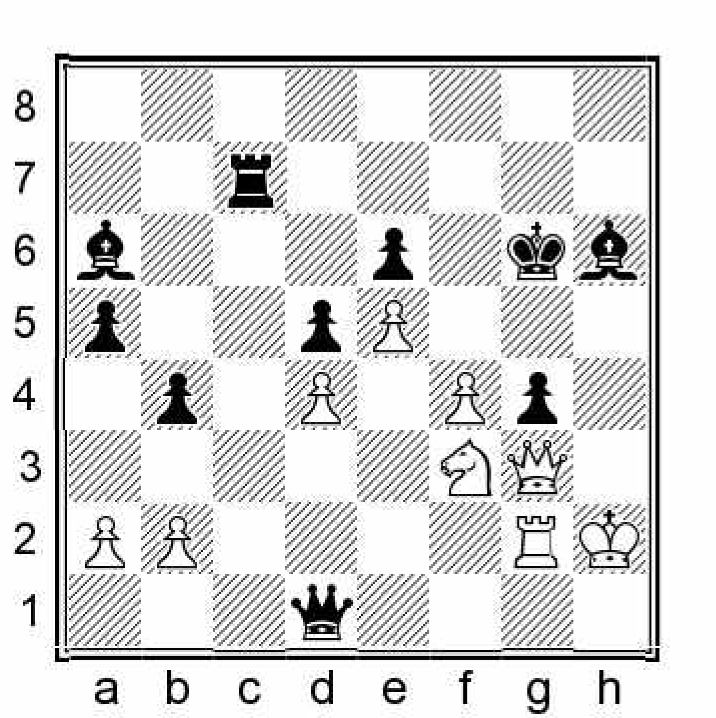
31...♗h6∞ 32.hxg6+ fxg6 33.f4 ♕b5 34.♕g3?

34.♖g2 ♖c1 35.♕f2 b3 36.axb3 ♕e2 37.♕h4 g3+ 38.♔xg3 ♕e1+ 39.♖f2 ♕g1+=

34...♕e2+ 35.♖g2 ♕d1 36.♗xg6+

36.♕xg4 ♕xg4 37.♖xg4 ♗e2 38.♗xg6+ ♔h8 39.♖g2 ♗xf4+ 40.♔h3 ♗a6 41.♔g4 ♗e3 42.♘b3∞

36...♔xg6 37.♘f3



37...♗xf4!!

37...♔f7 38.♕xg4 ♔e7 39.♕h4+ ♔d7 40.♕xh6 ♕xf3 41.♖g7+ ♔c6 42.♕xe6+ ♔b7 43.♖xc7+ ♔xc7 44.♕xa6 ♕xf4+=

38.♕xf4 ♖h7+ 39.♔g3 ♕xf3+ 0-1

175. * E09
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2679) - Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701)
chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/175, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O ♘bd7 7.♕c2 c6 8.♘bd2 b6 9.e4 dxc4 10.♘xc4 ♗b7 11.♗f4!?

11.♘e3 - 146/165

11...c5 12.♖fe1 cxd4 13.♘d6 ♗xd6 14.♗xd6 d3

14...♖c8 15.♕a4 ♘c5 16.♕xd4 ♖e8 17.e5 ♘fe4 18.b4 ♘xd6 19.exd6 ♘d7 20.♖ad1±

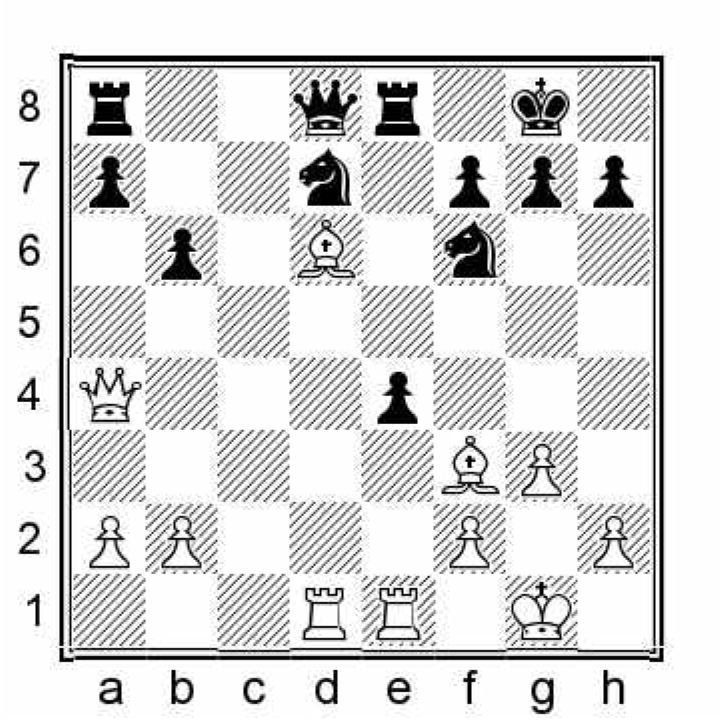
15.♕xd3

15.♕c4 ♖c8 16.♕d4 (16.♕xd3 ♗xe4! 17.♕d4 (17.♖xe4?! ♘c5! 18.♕e2 ♘cxe4 19.♗xf8 ♔xf8 20.♖d1 ♕c7 21.♘d4 ♘c5 22.♘b5 ♕b8 23.a3 h6⇄) 17...e5 18.♘xe5 ♘xe5 19.♗xe5 ♕xd4 20.♗xd4 ♗xg2 21.♔xg2 ♘d5=) 16...e5 17.♕xd3 ♘c5 18.♕d1 ♖e8=

15...♗xe4 16.♕d4 e5 17.♕a4

17.♘xe5 ♘xe5 18.♗xe4 ♘xe4 19.♗xe5 ♕xd4 20.♗xd4 ♘g5 21.♔g2 ♘e6 22.♗c3 ♖fd8=

17...♖e8 18.♖ad1 ♗xf3 19.♗xf3 e4



20.♗e2!?N

20.♗xe4 ♘xe4 21.♖xe4 ♖xe4 (21...♘f6!? 22.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 23.♕xe8+ ♖xe8 24.♗b4 h5 25.♔f1 ♔h7!? 26.f3 ♔g6 (26...g5 27.♖d6 ♖e6 28.♖xe6 fxe6 29.♔e2 ♔g6 30.h3 g4 31.fxg4 hxg4 32.h4 e5=) 27.♗c3 ♖e7=) 22.♕xe4 ♘c5 23.♕f3 ♘e6 24.♗e5 (24.♗e7!?) 24...♕e8 25.h4 ♖d8 26.♖xd8 ♕xd8 27.♕b7 f6 28.♕c6 (28.♗b8 ♘c5! 29.♕xa7 ♕d1+=) 28...♘f8 (28...♔f7 29.♗d6!±) 29.♕c4+ (29.♗d6 ♕d7=) 29...♔h8 30.♗c3 ♕d7 Δ Ne6=

20...e3

20...a6!? 21.♗xa6 ♘b8 22.♗xb8 ♕xb8 23.♕c4 ♕a7 24.♗b5 ♖ec8 25.♗c6 ♕xa2=

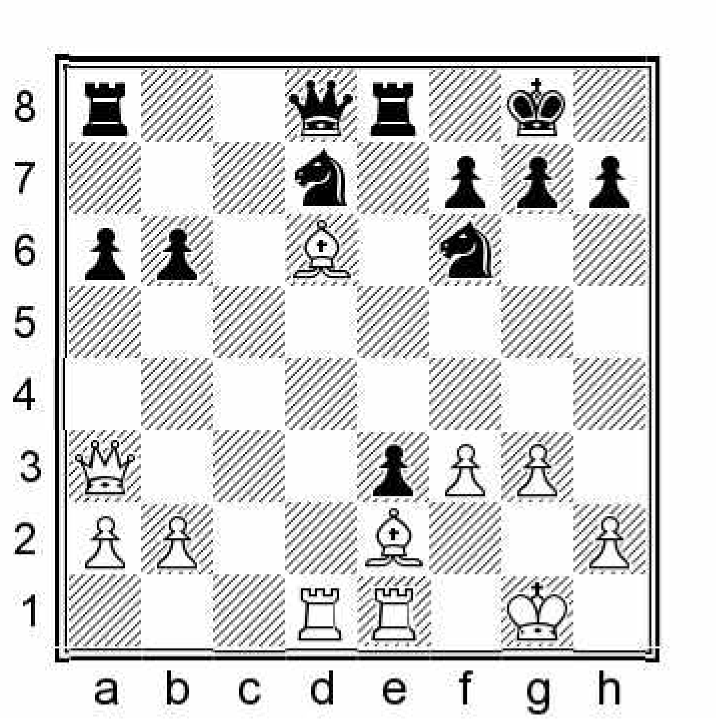
21.f3!?

21.f4 ♘e4 22.♗b4 ♘d2 23.♗xd2 ♘c5 24.♕c2 exd2 25.♖xd2 ♕f6=; 21.♗f3 exf2+ 22.♔xf2 ♖xe1 23.♖xe1 ♖c8 24.♕xa7 ♘c5 25.♗xc5 bxc5 26.♖d1 (26.♔g2 g5 27.♖d1 ♕e8 28.♕a6 ♔g7⇄) 26...♕e8 (26...♘e4+ 27.♔g2 ♕e8 28.♕d7!±) 27.♕a5 h5 (27...g5 28.♕e1!±) 28.♔g2 ♘g4⇄

21...a6 - 152/175

21...b5?!N 22.♕xb5 ♕b6 23.♗f4± h6 (23...a6 24.♕xb6 ♘xb6 25.♗d3 ♘bd5 26.♗g5 h6 27.♗xf6 ♘xf6 28.♗c4 Δ Rd3±) 24.♕xb6 ♘xb6 25.♗b5 ♖e6 26.♖xe3 ♘fd5 27.♖xe6 fxe6 28.♗e5+- ♖c8 29.♗d3!? (29.f4 ♔f7 30.a4+-) 29...♘b4 30.♗g6 1-0 (30) Deac,B (2679)-Kuzmin,R (2355) chess.com (Int. - blitz) 152/(175) 2022

22.♕a3



22.♗xa6 ♖a7 Δ Qa8⇄

22...b5!

22...♕c8 23.♗f4 ♕c5 24.♕xc5 ♘xc5 25.b3! (25.♗f1 ♘a4 26.♖e2 b5 27.♖d6 h6∞) 25...♖a7 (25...♖e7 26.♗d6 ♖ee8 27.♗xc5 bxc5 28.♖c1 ♘d7 29.♖c3 Δ Bf1) 26.♖d6 ♖d7 27.♖xd7 ♘fxd7 28.b4 ♘e6 29.♗xe3 b5 30.♖d1 ♘f6 31.♔f2±

23.♗c5 ♕c8

⌓23...♖e6 24.♗xe3 (24.♗d4 ♕e8 25.f4 ♖d8 26.f5 ♖e4 27.♕xa6 ♘e5⇄) 24...♕e8 25.♗f1 (25.♔f2 ♘e5 26.♗d4 h5⇄) 25...b4 26.♕d3 ♘e5 27.♕e2 a5 28.♗h3 ♕c6! 29.♗g2 ♕e8 30.f4 ♘c4! 31.♗xa8 (31.♕xc4 ♖xe3 32.♕c1 ♖d8!=) 31...♖xe3 32.♕f2 ♘g4 33.♖xe3 ♘cxe3□ 34.♕e2 ♕xa8 35.♖d3 h5=

24.♗xe3± b4

24...♘e5 25.♗d4 ♕f5 26.f4 ♘c4 27.♕d3 ♖e4 28.b3 ♖d8 29.♕c3! ♖dxd4 30.♖xd4 ♕c5 31.♖d1 ♖xe2 32.bxc4 h5 33.♕d3 ♖xa2 34.cxb5 axb5 35.♕e3±

25.♕d3 ♘c5

25...♘e5 26.♕b3 ♕f5 27.♗f2 a5 28.♔g2±

26.♕d4 ♘a4

26...♘cd7 27.♗f2 a5 28.♔g2 ♕c6 29.♖c1 ♕b7 30.♗c4 ♖ad8 31.♖cd1±

27.♗f2 ♖b8 28.♗f1 a5

28...♖xe1 29.♖xe1 ♕f8 30.♕c4 ♕d6 31.♕c2±

29.g4!?

29.♖e5 ♖d8 30.♕xd8+ ♕xd8 31.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 32.♖xa5 ♘xb2 33.♗b6!± Δ♖c8 (33...♖b8 34.♗e2! h6 35.♗d4+-) 34.♗d4 ♘d1 35.♖b5 h5 36.♖xb4 ♘d5 37.♖b7 ♘5e3 38.♗d3 ♖d8 39.a4+-

29...h6

29...♖xe1 30.♖xe1 ♕d8 31.♕e5 ♘d7 32.♕f4± Δ♘xb2 33.♖b1 ♘a4 34.♖d1 ♘ab6 (34...♘c3 35.♖xd7+-) 35.♗b5 ♖c8 36.♗xd7 ♘xd7 37.♕f5+-

30.h4 ♖d8 31.♕e5 ♖e8 32.♕xa5 ♘xb2 33.♖xe8+ ♕xe8

33...♘xe8 34.♖d4 ♕c7 35.♕xc7 ♘xc7 36.♖d2 ♘a4 37.♗g3 ♖c8 38.♖d4+-

34.♖b1

34.♖e1 ♕c6 35.♕e5 ♖c8 36.g5+-

34...♘a4 35.♖xb4 ♖a8 36.♕b5 ♘c3 37.♕xe8+ ♘xe8 38.a3 ♘c7

38...♘d5 39.♖d4 ♘dc7 40.a4+-

39.♖c4

39.♗g3 ♘7d5 40.♖b8+ ♖xb8 41.♗xb8 f6 42.♗c4+-

39...♘7d5 40.♗d3 h5 41.gxh5 f5 42.♗xf5 ♖xa3 43.♗g6

43.♖c8+ ♔f7 44.♗g6+ ♔e6 45.♖e8+ ♔d7 46.♖g8+-

43...♖a8 44.♔h2 ♖f8 45.♗d4 ♘e2

45...♖xf3 46.♖c8+ ♖f8 47.♖c5!+-

46.♗e5

46.♗c5 ♖c8 47.♖a4 ♖d8 48.♖a7+-

46...♘ef4

46...♘e3 47.♖c7 ♖xf3 48.♖xg7+ ♔f8 49.♗e4 ♖f2+ 50.♔h3 ♘c4 51.♗a1 ♘f4+ 52.♔g3! ♘xh5+ 53.♔xf2 ♘xg7 54.♔g3 ♘d6 55.♗d3 Δ Kg4+-

47.♖c7?⊕

47.♖d4 ♘xg6 48.hxg6 ♘e3 49.f4+-

47...♘xc7 48.♗xc7 ♘e6

48...♘xg6 49.hxg6 ♖f6 50.h5 ♖xf3 51.♗g3 ♖f5 52.♔h3 ♖xh5+ 53.♔g4=

49.♗e5 ♖xf3∓ 50.♔g2 ♖e3 51.♗g3 ♖e2+ 52.♔f3 ♘d4+ 53.♔g4 ♖g2 54.♔h3 ♖b2 55.♔g4 ♖b4 56.♔h3 ♖b3 57.♔g4 ♘e6 58.♗e5 ♖b4+ 59.♔f5 ♘f8 60.♗f4 ♖b5+ 61.♔g4 ♘d7 62.h6⊕

62.h6 ♘f6+ 63.♔f3 ♖b3+ 64.♔g2 ♘d5 65.♗g5 gxh6 66.♗xh6 ♖b6 67.h5=

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176. E12
Adhiban, Baskaran (2633) - Aryan, Chopra (2592)
Ciutadella de Menorca 152/176, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.♗f4 ♗b7 5.e3 ♗b4+ 6.♘fd2 O-O 7.a3 ♗e7 8.♘c3 d5 9.cxd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xd5 exd5

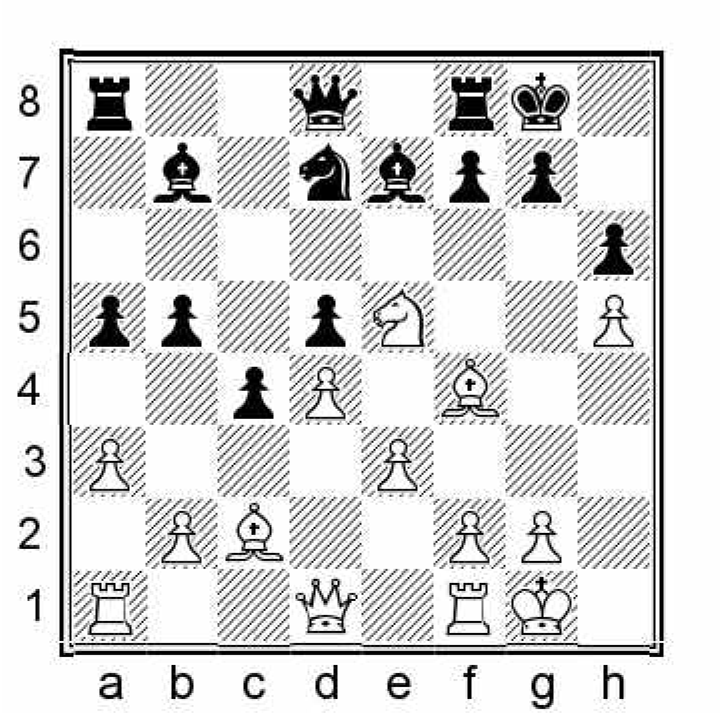
10...♗xd5 - 28/601

11.♗d3 c5 12.♘f3

12.O-O

12...♘d7⇄ 13.h4N

13.♖c1 ♘f6 14.O-O ♖c8 15.♗f5 ♖a8 16.♕c2 ♘e4 17.♖fd1 c4 18.♘d2 ♘f6 19.♗e5 h6 20.f3 b5 21.e4 dxe4 22.fxe4 ♖e8=; 13.O-O c4 14.♗c2 b5 15.h4 a5 16.h5 h6 17.♘e5



17...♖a6!? (17...♘f6 18.♕f3 ♗d6⇄) 18.♕e2 ♖b6 19.♗g3 ♘xe5 20.♗xe5 ♕d7 21.♖ad1 b4↑

13...cxd4 14.♘xd4

14.exd4 ♘f6 15.O-O ♘e4 16.h5 ♗d6 17.♗xd6 ♕xd6 18.♖c1⇄

14...♘c5 15.h5

15.♗c2 ♖e8 16.♕g4 ♗c8 17.♕g3 ♘e4 18.♗xe4 dxe4 19.♘c6 ♕d7 20.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 21.O-O ♗a6 22.♖fd1 ♗e2 23.♖d6 ♖ac8∞

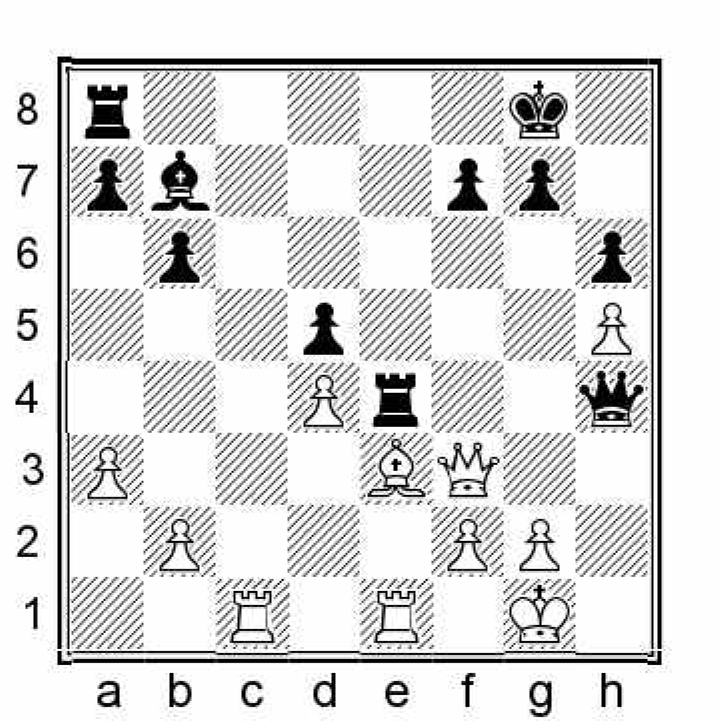
15...♗f6

15...♘xd3+ 16.♕xd3 h6 17.O-O ♗f6 18.♖ad1 ♕e7 19.♖d2 ♖fd8 20.♘f5 ♕e6 21.f3 ♖ac8=

16.O-O ♗xd4 17.exd4 ♘xd3 18.♕xd3 ♕h4 19.♕f3

19.♕f5 ♗c8 20.♕xd5 ♗a6 21.♗g3 ♖ad8 22.♕e5 ♕xd4=

19...h6 20.♖fe1 ♖fe8= 21.♖ac1 ♖e4 22.♗e3?!



22.♗d2 ♖c8 23.♕f5 ♕d8 24.♖xe4 ♖xc1+ 25.♗xc1 dxe4 26.♗e3 ♗d5 27.♕g4 ♔h8 28.♕f5=

22...♗c8! 23.♖c7 ♗e6 24.♗d2 ♖xe1+ 25.♗xe1 ♕xd4 26.♗c3 ♕h4 27.♕e3 ♕e4 28.♕g3?

28.♕xe4 dxe4 29.♔h2 ♗g4 30.♖e7 ♗xh5 31.♖xe4 ♗g6 32.♖e7 a6∓

28...d4 29.♗d2 ♕e2 30.♗f4?!

30.♕f3 ♕xf3 31.gxf3 ♔h7 32.f4 f6 33.♖c6 ♗f5 34.♖d6 d3∓

30...♕d1+-+ 31.♔h2 ♕xh5+ 32.♔g1 ♗f5 33.♗e5 ♗g6 34.♕f4

34.♕f3 ♕xf3 35.gxf3 d3 36.♗c3 ♗f5

34...♖e8 0-1

177. E12
Le, Quang Liem (2709) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2750)
Oslo (m/5-blitz) 152/177, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♗b7 5.♘c3 ♘e4 6.♘xe4 ♗xe4 7.♗f4 ♗d6 8.♗g3

8.♗xd6 - 55/498

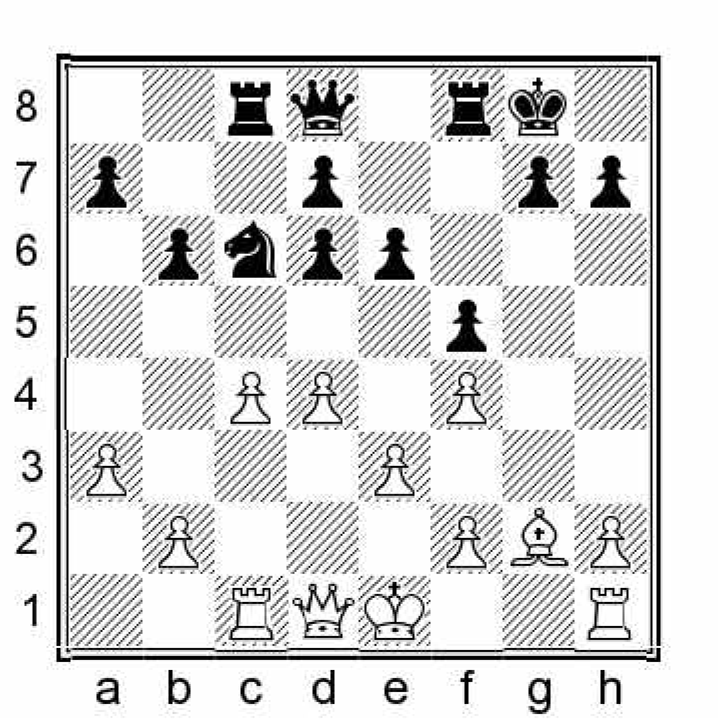
8...♗xf3 9.gxf3 O-ON

9...♕f6

10.e3 f5 11.♗xd6

11.♗g2?! f4!∓

11...cxd6 12.f4± ♘c6 13.♗g2 ♖c8 14.♖c1



14...♘e7

14...b5! 15.cxb5 (15.c5 d5 16.b4 ♕h4 17.O-O ♖f6⇄; 15.d5 ♘e7 16.cxb5 ♕a5+ 17.b4 ♕xb5 18.dxe6 dxe6⇄) 15...♕a5+ 16.♖c3 ♕xb5 17.d5 (17.♕e2 ♕b6 18.O-O d5 19.♖fc1 ♖b8⇄) 17...♘e7 18.♕b3 ♕xb3 19.♖xb3 ♖c7 20.♔d2 ♖fc8 21.♖d1 ♔f7 22.♔e1 ♖d8!∞

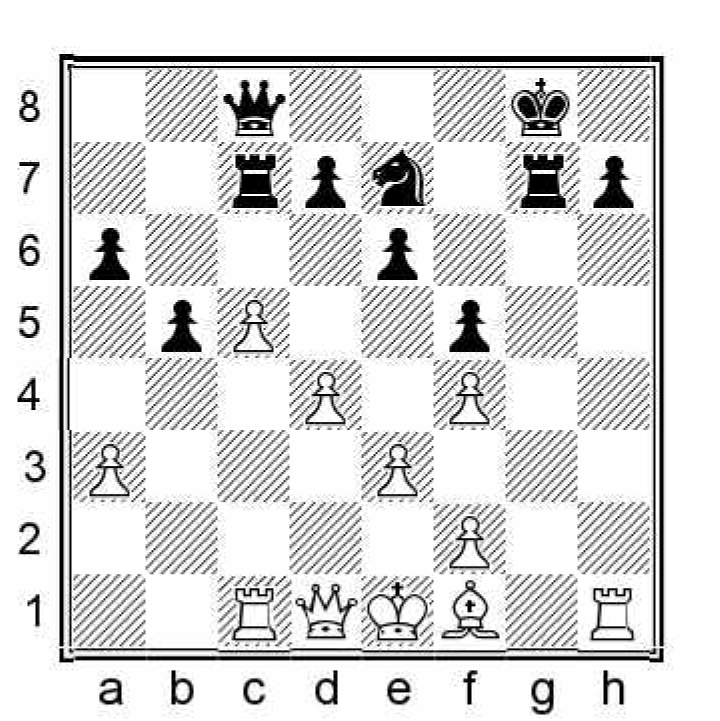
15.h4 ♖c7 16.h5 ♕c8 17.b3 d5

17...♕a6 18.O-O ♕xa3 19.♖a1 ♕b4 20.d5 ♘c8 21.♕d3⩱

18.h6 dxc4 19.hxg7 ♖f7 20.bxc4 ♖xg7 21.♗f1 b5

21...♘d5! 22.♖h6 ♔h8 (22...b5!? 23.c5 ♔h8 24.♕b3 a6⇄) 23.♔d2 ♘e7 24.♗d3 ♘g8 25.♖h2 ♘f6∞

22.c5 a6



23.♔d2!

23.♗e2 d6! 24.♔f1 ♔h8±

23...♘d5 24.♗d3 ♘f6 25.♕f3 ♕d8 26.♔e2± ♔h8 27.♕h3?!

27.♖hg1! ♕g8 28.♖xg7 ♕xg7 29.♕h1!± ♕g4+ 30.♔d2 ♕g7 31.♖g1 ♕f8 32.♔e2

27...d6 28.cxd6 ♕xd6 29.♕h4 ♖xc1?!

29...♘d5! 30.♕h6 ♕e7 31.♔d2 b4=

30.♖xc1 ♕xa3 31.♖c6

31.♖c8+! ♘g8 32.♕d8 ♕a2+ 33.♖c2 ♕d5 34.♕xd5 exd5 35.♖c8±

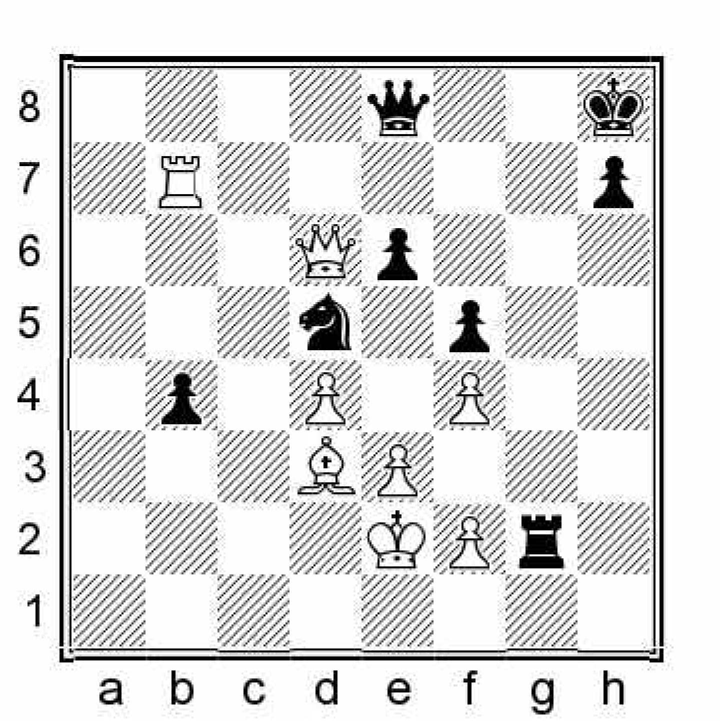
31...♖g6 32.♕h1 ♕a2+ 33.♖c2 ♕d5 34.♕a1 ♖g2?

34...♕g2! 35.♖c8+ ♔g7 36.♕a3 ♔h6 37.♕e7 ♘d5 38.♕h4+ ♔g7 39.♕d8 ♔h6=

35.♕xa6 b4 36.♖c5 ♕d7 37.♖b5

37.♗xf5! exf5 38.♕xf6+ ♖g7 39.d5 b3 40.d6+-

37...♘d5 38.♖b7 ♕e8 39.♕d6?



39.♕a7! ♕h5+ 40.♔d2 ♖xf2+ 41.♔e1 ♕h1+ 42.♔xf2 ♕h2+ 43.♔e1 ♕g1+ 44.♔d2 ♕f2+ 45.♔c1 ♕e1+ 46.♔b2 ♕c3+ 47.♔a2 ♕d2+ 48.♔b3 ♕xd3+ 49.♔a4 ♕a3+ 50.♔b5 ♘c3+ 51.♔c6+-

39...♘f6?

39...♕h5+! 40.♔d2 ♖xf2+ 41.♔e1 ♕h1+! 42.♔xf2 ♕h2+ 43.♔e1 ♕g1+ 44.♔d2 ♕f2+ 45.♗e2 (45.♔c1 ♕e1+ 46.♔b2 ♕c3+ 47.♔b1 ♕xd3+ 48.♔c1 ♕xe3+ 49.♔b1 ♕e4+ 50.♔c1 ♕e3+⇄) 45...♕xe3+ 46.♔e1 ♕g1+ 47.♔d2 ♕e3+=

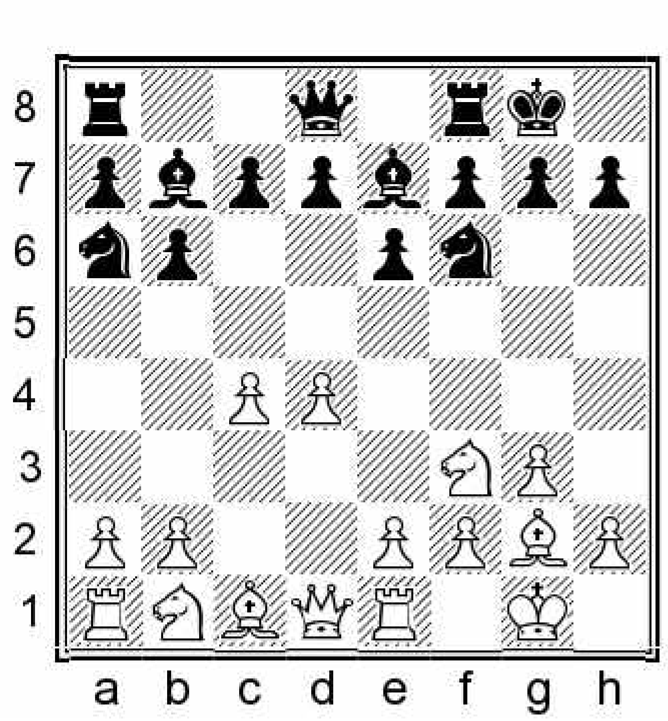
40.♖b8 1-0

178. * E17
Raunak, Sadhwani (2609) - Rozentalis, Eduardas (2517)
Oesterreich 152/178, 2022

1.d4

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 ♗b7 4.♗g2 e6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♘c3 O-O 7.♖e1 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.d4 ♘e4 10.♕c2 (10.♘e5 - 129/175) 10...♘d7 11.♖d1 ♘df6N (11...f5) 12.♗f4 ♘xc3 13.bxc3 ♖e8 14.c4 ♗d6 (14...dxc4!? 15.♕xc4 ♗d5! 16.♕xc7 ♕xc7 17.♗xc7 ♖ac8 18.♗e5 ♘e4 19.♘e1 ♖ed8 20.♖dc1 f6 21.♖xc8 ♖xc8 22.♗f4 ♗a3 23.♘d3 ♖c2=∞) 15.♗xd6 cxd6 16.cxd5 ♖c8 17.♕b2 ♗xd5 18.♖ac1 ♕e7 19.♖d2 ♗e4 20.♖dd1 ♗d5 21.♖d2 ♗e4 22.♖dd1 ♗d5 23.♖d2 ♗e4 1/ 2 (23) Ruck,R (2546)-Horvath,C (2522) Magyarorszag 152/(178) 2022

1...♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.O-O O-O 7.♖e1 ♘a6



8.h4!?

8.♘c3 - 150/169

8...d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.♘c3 c5 11.♗f4 ♘c7 12.♗e5N

12.e3 ♘e6 13.♖c1 ♘xf4 14.exf4 ♖e8 15.♘e5 ♖c8± (15...cxd4?! 16.♕xd4 ♗c5 17.♕d3 ♖c8 18.a3 a5 19.♖cd1±)

12...♘e6 13.e3 ♘e4

13...♘g4 14.♖c1 ♕d7 15.♗h3! h5 16.♗f4 f6 17.♕c2±

14.dxc5 ♘xc3

14...bxc5?! 15.♘xe4 dxe4 16.♘d2 f5 17.♗f1 ♔h8 18.♘c4 ♕e8 19.♕b3 (19.♖e2!? ♖d8 20.♖d2 ♖xd2 21.♕xd2±) 19...♗d5 20.♖ad1 ♖d8 21.♖d2 f4 22.♖ed1±

15.♗xc3 bxc5 16.♕a4 ♗f6 17.♖ed1

17.♖ad1 ♕e7 18.♖e2 h6 (18...♖fd8 19.♖ed2±) 19.♘e1 ♖ad8 20.♗xf6 ♕xf6 21.♖ed2±

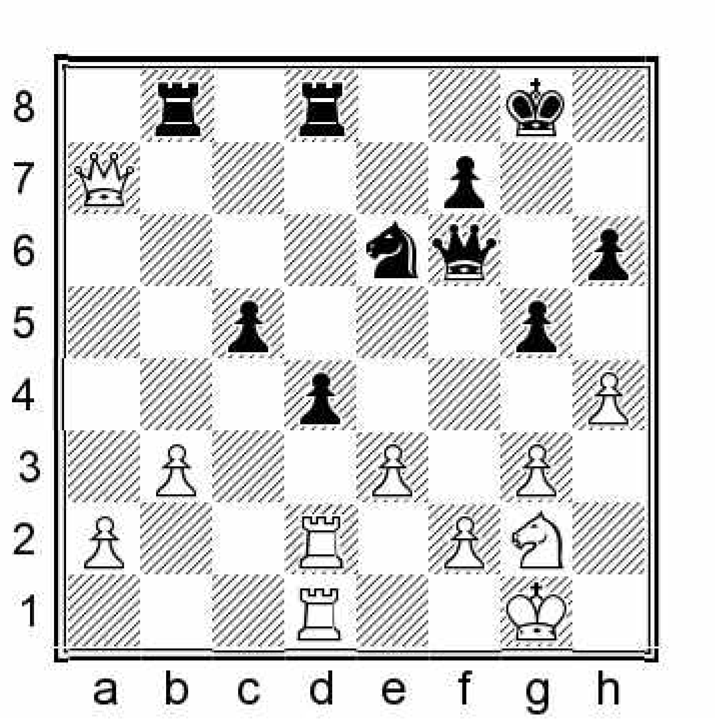
17...♕e7 18.♖d2 ♖fd8 19.♖ad1 h6 20.♗xf6 ♕xf6 21.♘e1± ♖ab8?!

21...♖d6 22.♗xd5 ♗xd5 23.♖xd5 ♖xd5 24.♖xd5 ♕xb2 25.♘d3 ♕b1+ 26.♔g2 ♖c8 27.♕c4± (27.♕xa7? c4⇄)

22.♕xa7 d4 23.b3

23.♗xb7! ♕e7 24.♘f3 ♖xb7 25.♕a6 ♖a7 26.♕e2 dxe3 27.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 28.♕xe3 ♘e6 29.a3±

23...♗xg2 24.♘xg2 g5?!



24...♕f3! 25.♕a6 dxe3 26.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 27.♘xe3 ♘e6 28.♕c4 ♘d4 29.♕d5 (29.♕xc5? ♘e2+ 30.♔h2 ♕xf2+-+) 29...♘e2+ 30.♔f1 ♘xg3+ 31.♔g1 ♘e2+=

25.♕a6! dxe3 26.fxe3

26.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 27.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 28.♘xe3 gxh4 29.gxh4 ♕xh4 30.♕a8+ ♔h7 31.a4±

26...♖xd2 27.♖xd2 ♖b4?!

27...♕f3!⯹

28.♖f2 ♕e7 29.♕a8+

29.♔h2 ♔g7 30.♕d3±

29...♔g7 30.♕d5 ♘f8?!

30...c4! 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.bxc4 ♕c7 33.c5 ♖b5 34.♕f3 ♖xc5⯹

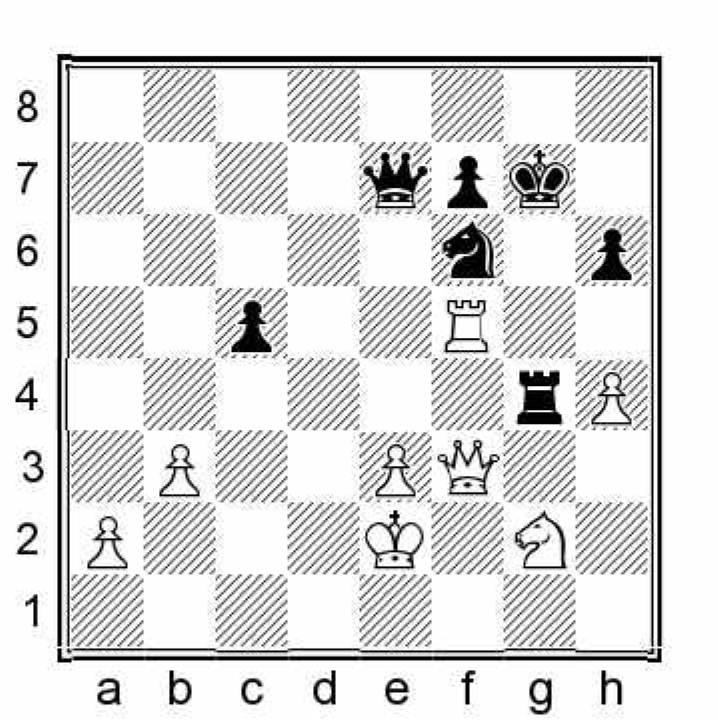
31.♖f5 gxh4 32.gxh4

32.♖e5! ♘e6 33.♘xh4±

32...♖g4 33.♔f1 ♘d7 34.♕f3

34.♘f4! ♖xh4 35.♕g2+ ♔h7 36.♘h5 ♕f8 37.♕f3+-

34...♘f6 35.♔e2?!



35.♘f4±

35...♕e4?

35...♕a7! 36.♖xf6 ♕xa2+ 37.♔e1 ♕a1+ 38.♔e2 ♕b2+ 39.♔e1 ♕a1+= 40.♔f2? ♕xf6-+

36.♕xe4 ♘xe4 37.♔f3+- ♖g3+ 38.♔xe4 ♖xg2 39.♖xc5 ♖xa2 40.♔d3 ♖b2 41.♖b5 f5 42.♔c3 ♖e2 43.♖xf5 ♖xe3+ 44.♔b2 ♔g6 45.♖f4 h5 46.b4 ♖d3 47.b5 ♖d5 48.♖b4 ♔f5 49.b6 ♖d8 50.b7 ♖b8 51.♔b3 ♔e6 1-0

179. E20
Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2623) - So, Wesley (2778)
Berlin (m/2-playoff) 152/179, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 O-O 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.g3

7.e3 - 5/572, E 29

7...b6 8.♗g2 ♗b7 9.d5

9.O-O ♗e4 (9...d6 10.d5 - 9.d5) 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.♗g5 h6 12.♗xf6 ♕xf6 13.♕d6 ♘c6 14.♕xc5 ♕xc3 15.♖ac1 ♕b2 16.♕e3 d5=

9...d6

9...♖e8!? 10.♘h4 (10.O-O exd5 11.♘h4 ♘e4; 10.♗g5 h6) 10...exd5 11.cxd5 ♗a6 12.♗f3 d6 13.O-O ♘bd7 14.♖e1 ♗c8 15.♗f4 ♘e5 16.♗g2 h6 17.♗xe5 ♖xe5 18.♘f3 ♖e8 19.♘d2 b5⇄

10.O-O ♕e7

⌓10...♕c7 11.e4 ♘xe4 12.♖e1 exd5 13.♘h4 ♘d7 14.♘f5 ♘e5 15.cxd5 ♘f6 16.♗g5=∞

11.♘h4 ♘bd7 12.♖e1?!N

12.f4 g6 13.dxe6 ♗xg2 14.exf7+ ♕xf7 15.♘xg2 ♕xc4 16.♘e3⇄; 12.♗f4

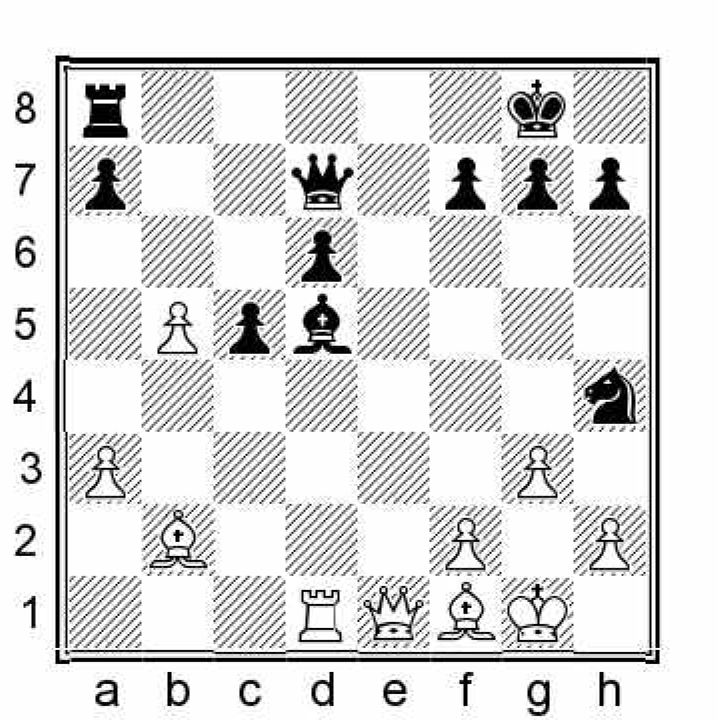
12...♘e5 13.e4 ♘xc4 14.♗f1 ♘e5

14...b5!?

15.c4 ♘g6 16.♘g2 b5 17.cxb5 exd5 18.exd5 ♕d7 19.♘e3 ♖fe8?!

19...♘e7 20.♗c4 ♖fe8 Δ Ned5

20.♗b2 ♘xd5 21.♘xd5 ♖xe1 22.♕xe1 ♗xd5 23.♖d1 ♘h4??



23...♕e6 24.♕c3 ♘e5 25.f4 ♘f3+ 26.♔f2 ♘d4=

24.♖d3! ♕g4

24...♘f3+ 25.♖xf3 ♗xf3 26.♕c3+-

25.♕c3!□ 25...♗e4□

25...♘f3+ 26.♖xf3+-

26.♗e2! ♕g5 27.♖xd6 ♘f5 28.♕e5 ♕e7 29.♕xe7 ♘xe7 30.a4 1-0

E25-E49

180. E25
Kaidanov, Gregory S (2556) - Swiercz, Dariusz (2665)
San Salvador 152/180, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.a3 ♗xc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.f3 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 c4 9.♘e2 ♘c6 10.♘g3?!

10.g4 - 139/182

10...h5! 11.h4 ♕c7

11...O-O! 12.♗e2 ♕c7! 13.♔f2 ♘a5∓

12.♔f2 ♘a5

12...O-O 13.e4! dxe4 14.♘xe4=

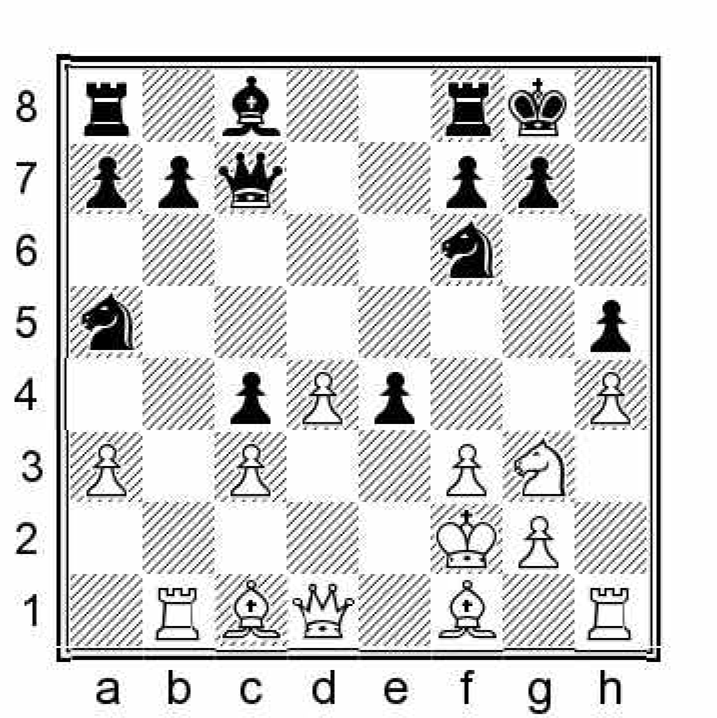
13.♖b1N

13.♗e2

13...O-O?!

13...♘b3; 13...♗d7

14.e4! dxe4



15.♖b5!!

15.♘xe4 ♘d5⩲ (15...♘xe4+ 16.fxe4 ♘b3)

15...♘b3

15...exf3? 16.gxf3+- Δ Rg1

15...♗d7! 16.♖c5 ♕b6 17.♘xh5 ♘b3 18.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 19.♗g5 e3+! 20.♔g3!↑

16.♘xh5 ♘xh5 17.♖xh5 ♗d7?!

17...♘xc1 18.♕xc1 ♖e8 19.♕e3!±

18.♗e3! ♖ae8 19.f4! f6 20.f5+- ♖e7 21.♕g4 ♗e8 22.♖h6! b5 23.h5 a5 24.♖g6! b4 25.axb4 axb4 26.h6! ♗xg6 27.hxg7 ♖ff7 28.♖h8+ ♔xg7 29.♕h4 1-0

181. E35
Indjic, Aleksandar (2605) - Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701)
Beograd 152/181, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗h4 ♘c6 8.e3 g5 9.♗g3 h5 10.♗b5 h4 11.♗e5 ♖h5N

11...O-O - 148/182

12.h3

12.♘e2!?

12...♗d7 13.♗h2

13.♗xc6!? ♗xc6 14.♘e2

13...♕e7! [Δ Nd4] **14.♘e2 O-O-O 15.O-O-O**

15.a3 ♗d6 16.♗xd6 ♕xd6=

15...a6 16.♗a4

16.♗xc6 ♗xc6 17.a3 ♗xc3 (17...♗d6 18.♗xd6 ♕xd6=) 18.♘xc3 ♘e4=

16...♔b8 17.a3 ♗d6 18.♗g1?!

18.♗xd6 ♕xd6 (18...cxd6!?) 19.f3 ♘a5=

18...g4

⌓18...b5 19.♗b3 g4 20.hxg4 ♗xg4⩱ 21.♘xd5? ♘xd5 22.♕xc6 ♗xe2 23.♗xd5 ♖xd5 24.♕xd5 ♗xd1 25.♔xd1 ♗c5 26.♕c6 ♗xd4-+

19.hxg4 ♘xg4 20.♗b3 ♘f6 21.f3 ♗f5?!

21...♖g5∓

22.♕d2 ♗g6 23.♗f2?!

23.♗h2±

23...♖dh8 24.♗a2 ♕d7 25.♖de1 ♘a5

25...♘e7=; 25...♘a7!?

26.b4?!

26.♗g1 Δ Bh2

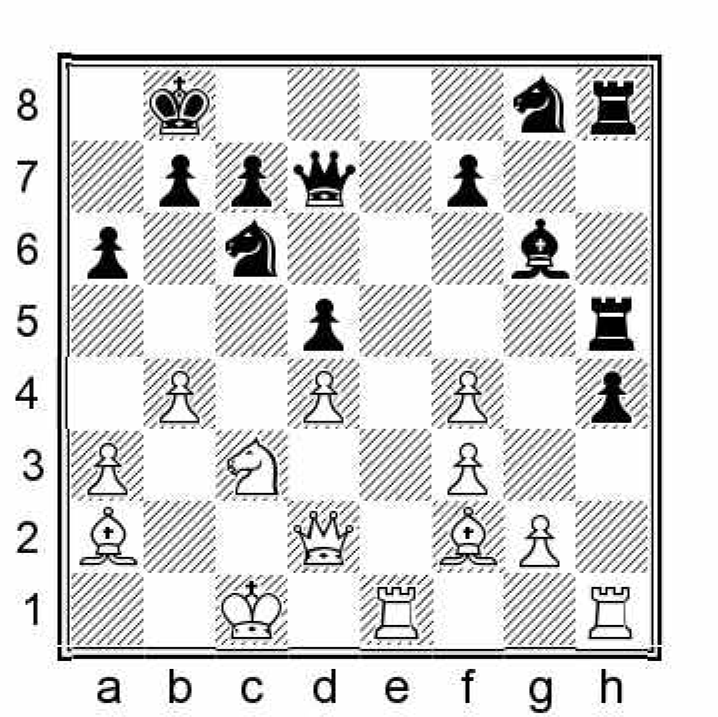
26...♘c6!

26...♘c4?! 27.♗xc4 dxc4 28.e4±

27.♘f4

27.♔b2 a5→

27...♗xf4 28.exf4 ♘g8?



28...♗f5↑

29.f5! ♖xf5

29...♕xf5? 30.♖e8+ ♔a7 31.♗xd5+-; 29...♗xf5 30.♘xd5±

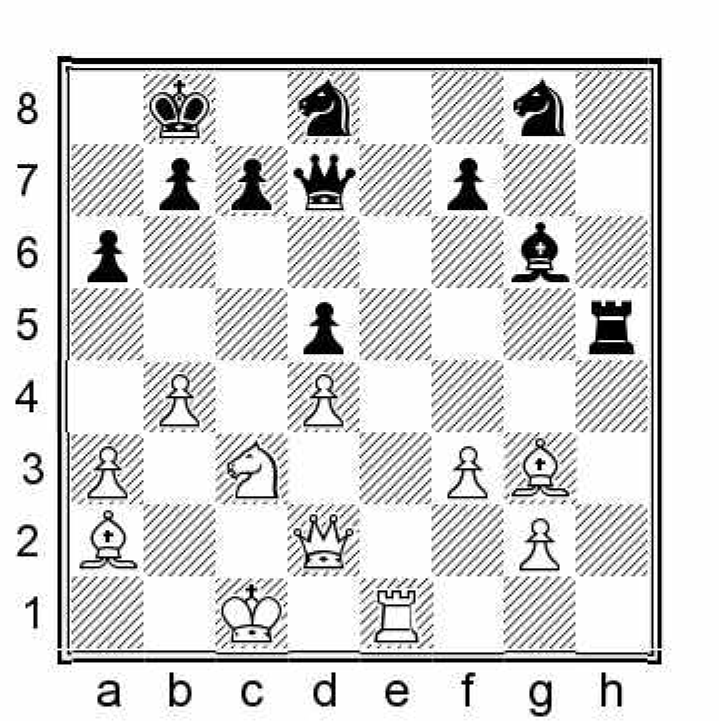
30.♖xh4 ♖xh4

30...♖fh5!?

31.♗xh4 ♖h5 32.♗g3

32.♗g5!?

32...♘d8?!



32...♘ge7!?; 32...b5!?

33.a4!± ♘e7 34.b5 ♘e6 35.♔b2?!

35.♗e5!

35...♔a7?

35...axb5 36.axb5 (36.♘xb5 ♘c6∞) 36...♘c8∞

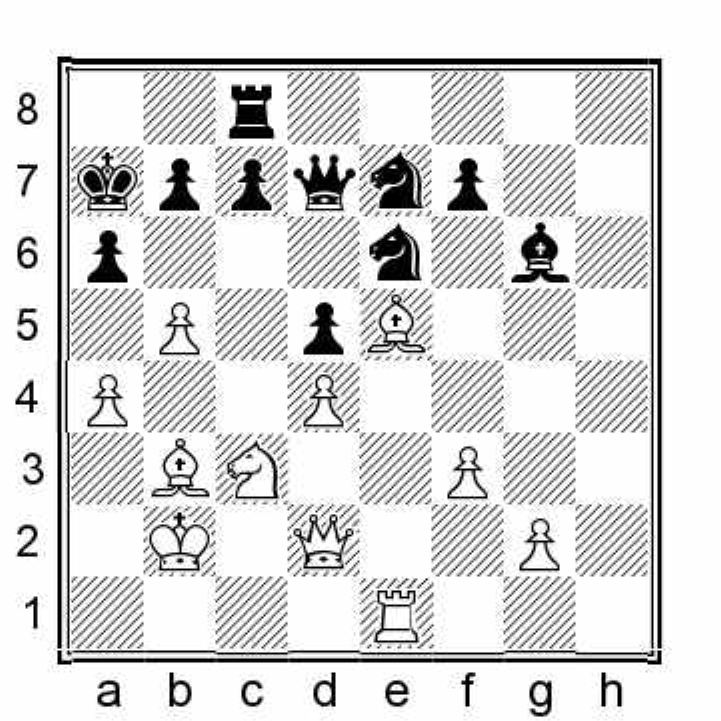
36.♗b3

36.♗e5!?

36...♖h8

36...c6!?

37.♗e5! ♖c8



37...♖f8

38.g4!+- c6 39.bxa6

39.f4!?

39...b6 40.a5 b5 41.♘a2

41.f4!?

41...c5?! 42.dxc5 ♘c6 43.f4

43.♗d6

43...♘xc5

43...♔xa6!?

44.♗d4! ♘xd4 45.♕xd4 ♗d3 46.♗xd5 ♗c4 47.♘b4 ♕d6 48.♖d1

48.♖e5!?

48...♗xd5 49.♘xd5 ♕e6?!

49...♕d8

50.♖c1! ♕d6 51.♔b1

51.g5!?

51...b4

⌓51...♔b8

52.♖c4 ♕g6+ 53.♔b2 ♕d6 54.♘xb4 ♕xd4+ 55.♖xd4 f5 56.g5 ♘e6 57.♖d7+ ♔b8 58.♘d5 1-0

E50-E74

182. E51
Gareyev, Timur (2565) - Yoo, Christopher Woojin (2535)
San Salvador 152/182, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.a3 ♗e7 7.♘f3 dxc4 8.♗xc4 c5 9.O-O a6

9...♘c6 - 26/(654)

10.dxc5 ♗xc5 11.♕e2

11.b4 ♗e7

11...b5 12.♗d3 ♗b7 13.e4! ♘bd7 14.e5! ♗xf3N

14...♘e8

15.gxf3 ♘h5 16.♕e4 g6 17.♗e2?!

17.♗h6 ♖e8 (17...f5!? 18.exf6 ♕xf6) 18.♖ad1

17...♘g7 18.♗h6 ♖e8 19.♖ad1 ♘f5 20.♗c1 ♕c7 21.f4 ♗b6?!

21...♗d4! 22.♖xd4? ♘c5-+

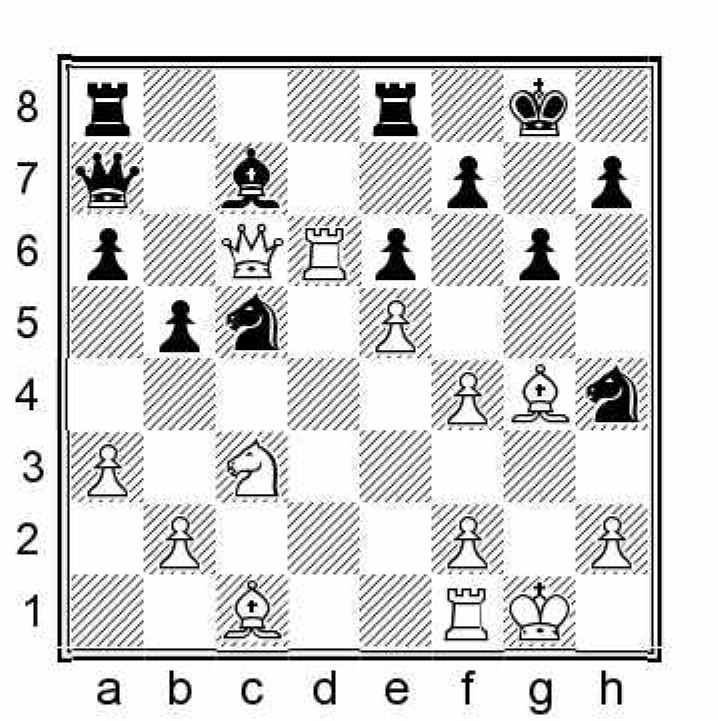
22.♗f3?!

22.♗g4!

22...♘c5 23.♕c6?!

23.♕xa8? ♖xa8 24.♗xa8 ♘b3! 25.♗e4 ♘xc1 26.♖xc1 ♕c4-+; 23.♕c2!

23...♕a7! 24.♗g4 ♘h4! 25.♖d6 ♗c7?



25...♖ab8! 26.♗e3 ♖ec8 27.♕h1 h5 28.♗e2 ♘a4-+

26.♖dd1?

26.♘d5!! exd5 27.♖xd5 ♘e6 (27...♗b6 28.♗e3) 28.♗e3 ♕b8 29.♖c1! ♘f5 30.♗xf5 gxf5 31.♖d7 ♖d8 (31...♖c8 32.♖xf7! ♔xf7 33.♕d7+ ♔f8 34.♕xe6) 32.♖e7!=∞

26...♖ac8?!

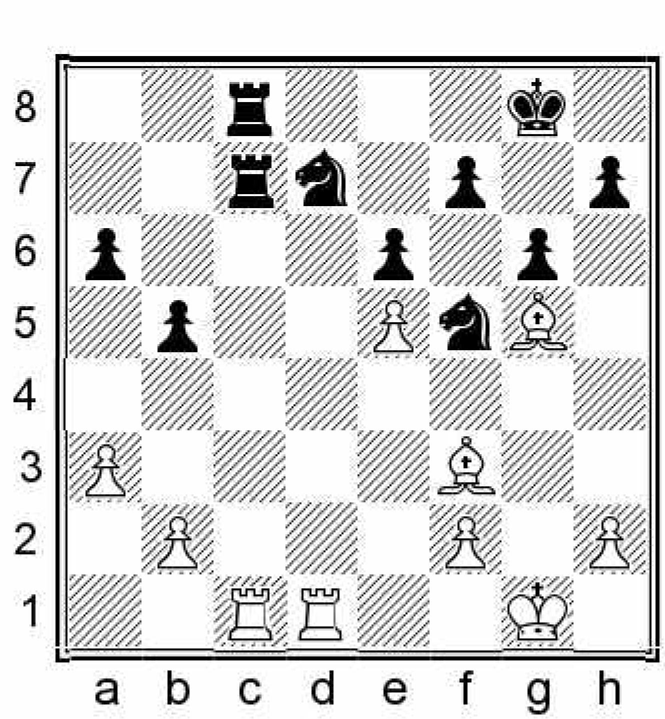
26...♗b6!

27.♘d5! ♗xe5

27...exd5 28.♗xc8 ♖xc8 29.♗e3 ♕b7 30.♕xb7 ♘xb7 31.♖xd5 ♖d8!=

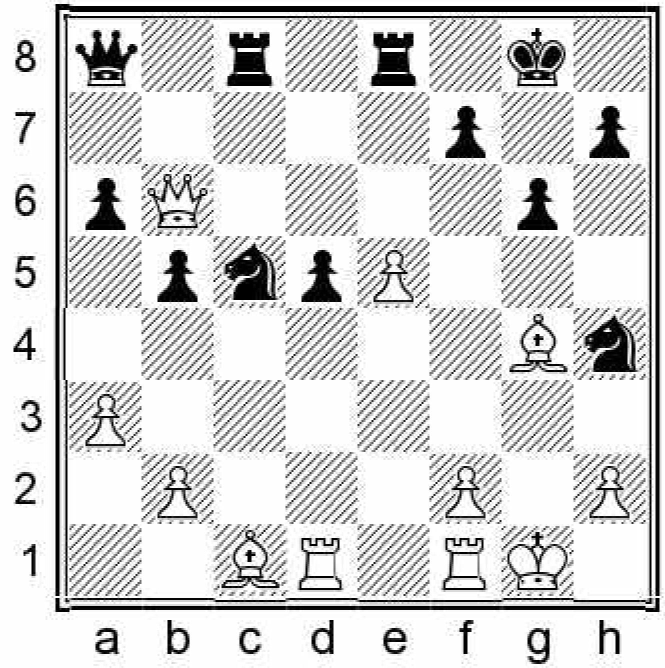
28.♕b6 ♕a8?

28...♕xb6 29.♘xb6 ♖c6 30.fxe5 ♖xb6 31.♗e3 ♖c6 32.♖c1 ♖ec8 33.♗g5 ♘f5 34.♗f3 ♖6c7 35.♖fd1 ♘d7



36.♗b7! ♖xc1 37.♗xc1 ♖c2 38.♗xa6 ♘xe5 39.♗xb5 ♘h4

29.fxe5 exd5



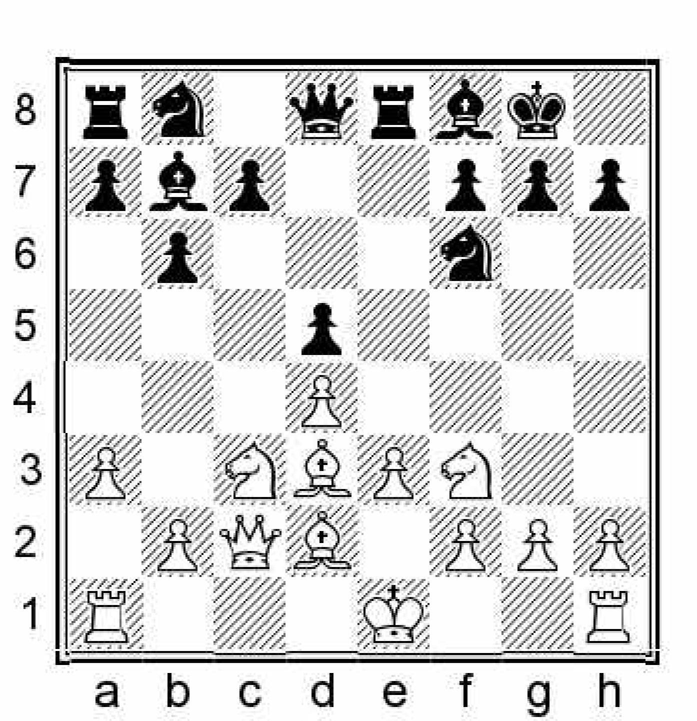
30.♕f6!+- g5 31.♕xg5+ ♘g6 32.♗xc8 ♖xc8 33.♕g2 ♖d8 34.♗g5 ♖e8 35.♖xd5 ♘e6 36.♖fd1 ♔h8 37.♗f6+ ♔g8 38.♗g5 ♔h8 39.♕f3 ♔g8 40.♗h6 ♕c8 41.♕f6 ♕c4 42.♖d7 ♖f8 43.h3 a5 44.♔h2 ♕b3 45.♖1d6 1-0

183. * !N E52
Aronian, Levon (2785) - Esipenko, Andrey (2723)
Berlin 152/183, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.e3 O-O 6.♗d2 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.♕c2

9.O-O - 147/182

9...♖e8 10.a3 ♗f8

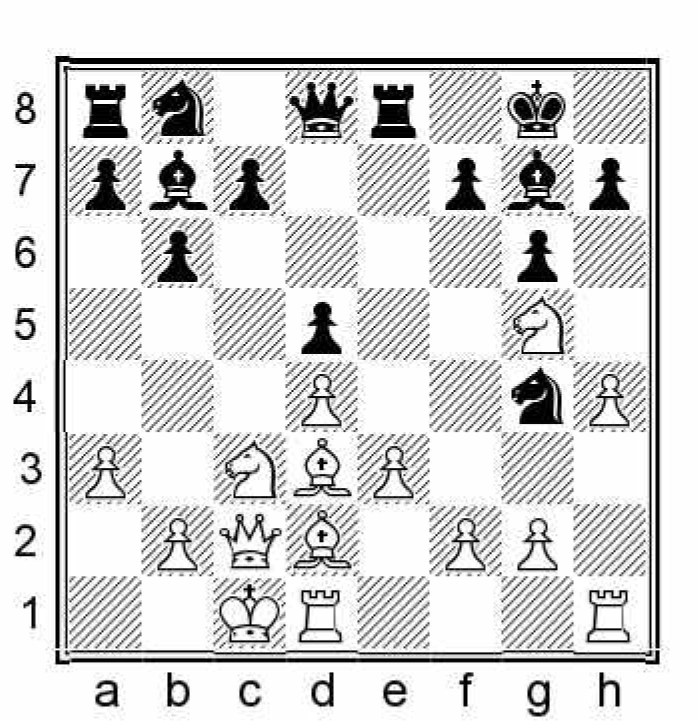


11.♘g5!N

11.O-O-O

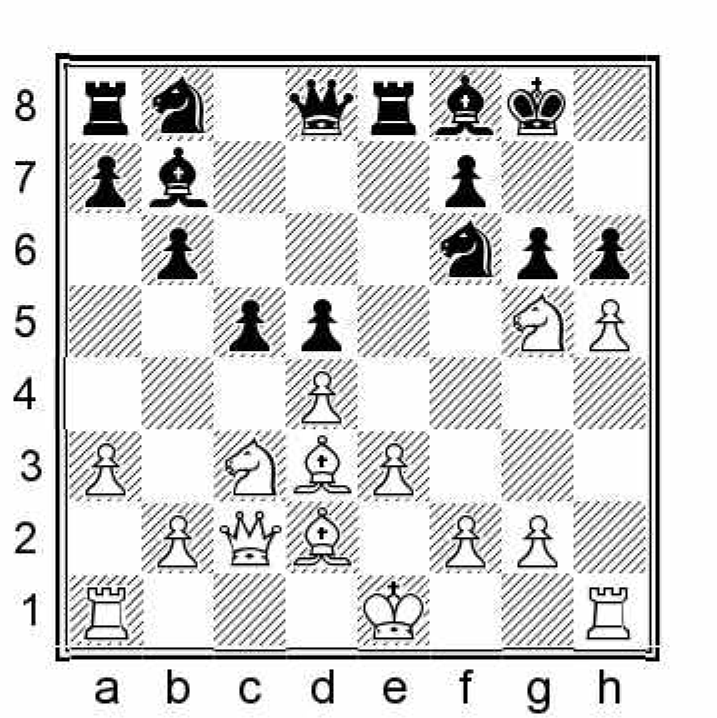
11...g6 12.h4 c5?! - 152/183

12...♗g7N 13.O-O-O ♘g4?



(13...♗a6 14.h5 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3→) 14.♘xh7! ♔xh7?! 15.h5 ♔g8 16.hxg6 f6 17.♖df1± Praggnanandhaa,R (2624)-Cornette, M (2569) Reykjavik 152/(183) 2022

13.h5±→ 13...h6?



13...♖e7; 13...♗g7

14.hxg6! hxg5

14...fxg6 15.♗xg6! (15.♘f3!?) 15...hxg5 16.♗h7+ ♔f7 (16...♔h8 17.♕g6 ♗g7 18.♕f7 ♘xh7 19.O-O-O!+-) 17.♕g6+ ♔e7 18.e4!+-

15.gxf7+ ♔xf7 16.♗g6+ ♔e7

16...♔g8 - 14...fg6

17.♕f5

17.e4!?

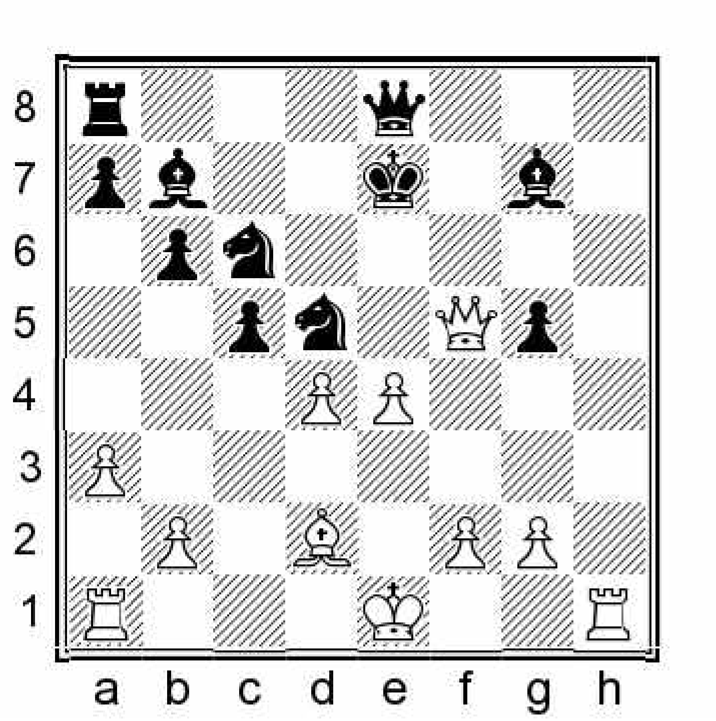
17...♗g7 18.e4! ♘c6 19.♗xe8

19.♗xg5!?+-

19...♕xe8 20.♘xd5+

20.♗xg5!?+-

20...♘xd5



20...♔f7 21.♘xf6! ♕e6 (21...♘xd4 22.♘xe8+ ♘xf5 23.♘xg7 ♘xg7 24.f3+-) 22.♕xe6+ ♔xe6 23.d5+ ♔xf6 24.dxc6 ♗xc6 25.♗c3++-

21.♗xg5+!

21.♖h7? ♕f7! 22.♕xd5 (22.♗xg5+? ♔f8 23.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 24.♗h6 ♖g8∞) 22...♔f8 23.dxc5 ♘e5!±; 21.♕xd5? ♔f8±

21...♔d6

21...♘f6 22.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 23.♖h7++-

22.♕xd5+ ♔c7 23.♖h7 1-0

184. E53
Howell, David (2646) - Grandelius, Nils (2672)
England - Sverige (m/8) 152/184, 2022

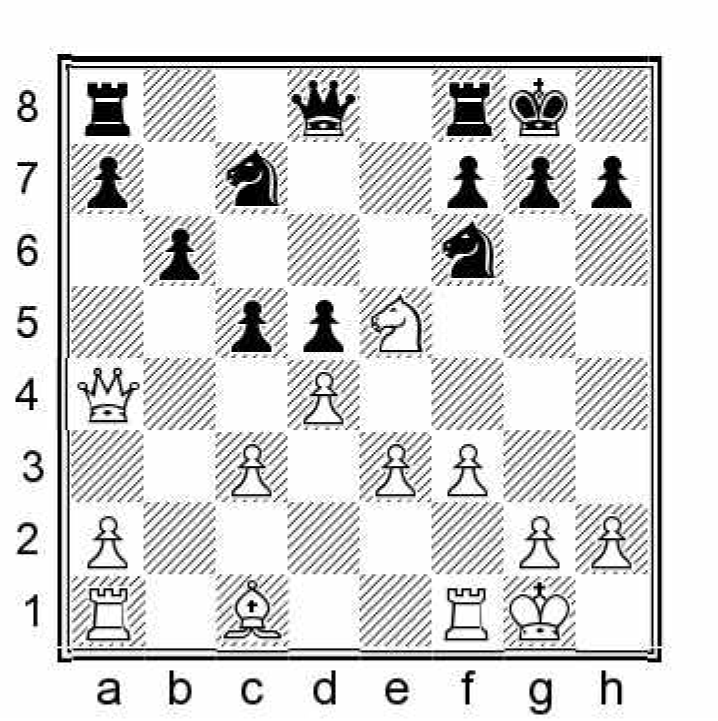
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 b6 5.e3 O-O 6.♗d3 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.O-O c5 9.♘e5 ♗xc3 10.bxc3 ♗a6 11.♗xa6 ♘xa6 12.♕a4

12.dxc5 - 22/668

12...♘c7

12...♕c8

13.f3



13...a6!?N

13...♖e8

14.♗d2

14.♖b1 b5 15.♕a5 ♖e8=; 14.♕b3 ♕d6=

14...♘b5 15.♕b3 ♘d6

15...c4 16.♕b2 (16.♕b4 ♕c7 (16...♘d6 17.♖fb1 b5 18.a4 ♕e7 19.axb5 axb5 20.♖a5↑) 17.♖fb1 ♖fb8 18.♗e1 ♘d6 19.a4 ♖b7=) 16...♕c7 17.♖ab1 ♖ab8 18.♗e1 ♘d6=

16.♗e1

16.♖fb1!?

16...c4 17.♕b4 a5 18.♕b1 ♘fe8?!

18...b5!?; 18...♕c7!?

19.a4!± f6 20.♘g4 b5 21.axb5

21.e4!?

21...♖b8 22.♗g3

22.e4 ♖xb5 23.♕c2±

22...♖xb5 23.♕c2 ♕e7

⌓23...♖b3 24.e4 f5 25.exf5 ♘xf5=

24.♖fe1 ♕b7 25.♖a2

25.♘f2!?

25...♖b3 26.♖ea1 ♕e7?!

26...♘b5 27.♗e1±

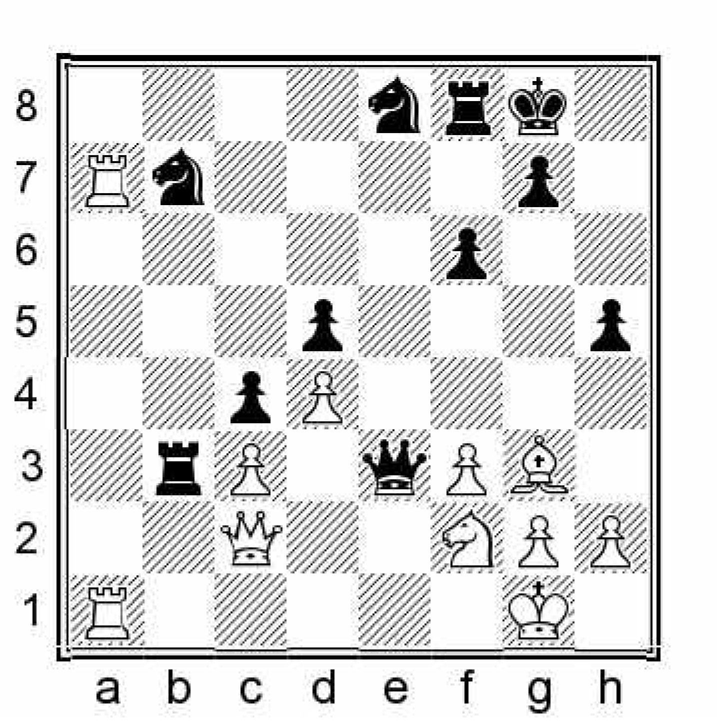
27.♖xa5 h5?!

27...♘b5 28.h4! h5 (28...♘xc3? 29.♖a7 ♕e6 30.♗f4!+-) 29.♕f5!±

28.♖a7 ♘b7

28...♖b7 29.♖xb7 ♘xb7 30.♘f2 ♕xe3 31.♕f5! ♕xc3 32.♕xd5+ ♖f7 33.♖b1 ♕a5 34.♕c6+-

29.♘f2 ♕xe3



30.♕f5! ♖xc3?!

30...h4 31.♗f4+-

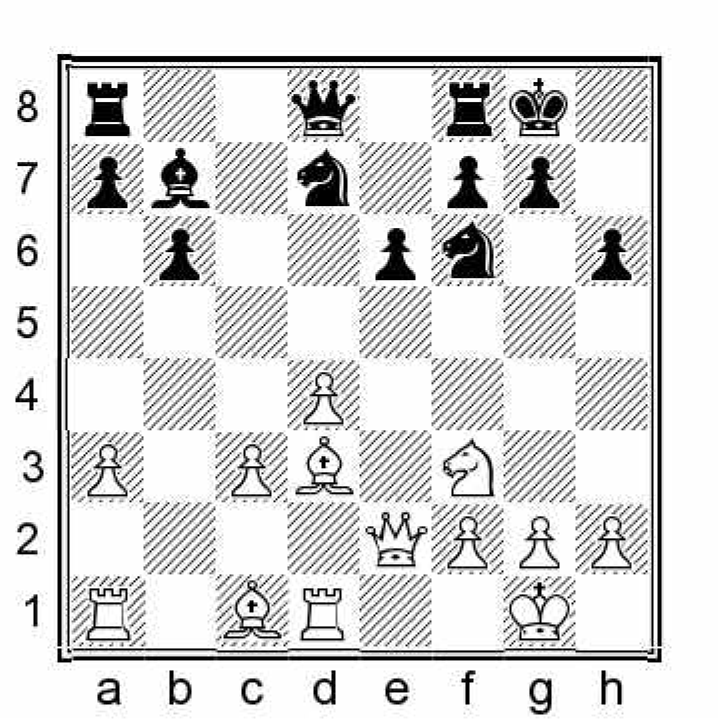
31.♕xd5+ ♖f7 32.h4+- ♕e7 33.♘e4 ♖b3 34.♘c5 ♖b2 35.♖e1 1-0

185. E54
Dubov, Daniil (2711) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2756)
Berlin 152/185, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.♘f3 dxc4 7.♗xc4 c5 8.O-O cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.♕e2 ♗b7 11.♖d1 h6 12.a3

12.♗f4 - 149/181

12...♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♘bd7 14.♗d3



14...♘d5!?N

14...♖e8 15.c4 ♕c7 16.♗b2 ♘g4 17.h3 ♗xf3 18.♕xf3 ♕h2+ 19.♔f1 ♘gf6 20.g4 e5 21.♗f5 exd4 22.♖xd4 ♘e5 23.♕g2 ♕xg2+ 24.♔xg2 ♘g6 25.♔g3 ♖e2 26.♗c3 ♖ae8 27.♖ad1 ♘e4+ 28.♖xe4 ♖8xe4 29.♗xe4 ♖xe4 30.♖d8+ ♔h7 31.♖c8 f6=; 14...♖c8 15.c4 ♕c7 16.♗b2 ♘g4 17.h3 ♗xf3 18.♕xf3 ♕h2+ 19.♔f1 ♘gf6 20.♖ac1 e5 21.♗f5 ♖fe8 22.d5 g6 23.♗xd7 ♘xd7 24.♔e2 e4 25.♕g3 ♕xg3 26.fxg3 ♖c7 27.g4 ♖ec8 28.d6 ♖xc4 29.♖xc4 ♖xc4 30.♖c1 ♖xc1 31.♗xc1 f6 32.♔e3=

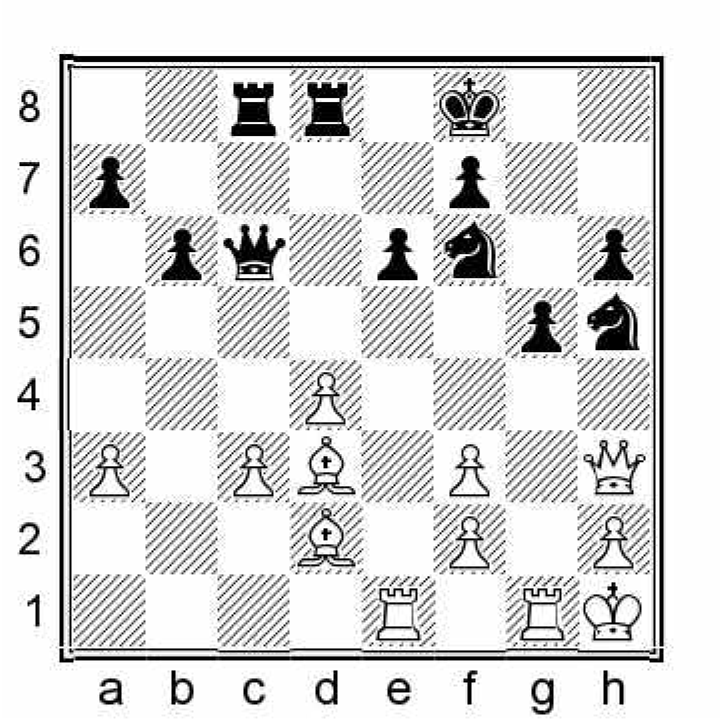
15.♗d2 ♕c7 16.♕e4 ♘5f6 17.♕h4 ♗xf3 18.gxf3 ♕c6 19.♕g3 ♘h5 20.♕h3 ♘df6 21.♔h1 ♖fd8 22.♖g1 ♔f8 23.♖ae1 [Δ Re5] **23...♖ac8 24.♖g2?**

24.♖e5 ♖d5 25.a4 ♕d6 26.f4 ♖xc3! 27.♗xc3 ♘xf4 28.♕g3 ♘xd3 29.♕xg7+ ♔e7 30.f3 ♕c6 31.♖g6 ♘xe5 32.♕xf6+ ♔d7 33.♖g7 ♕xc3 34.dxe5 ♖d1+ 35.♔g2 ♕c2+ 36.♔h3 ♕f5+ 37.♕xf5 exf5 38.♖xf7+ ♔e6 39.♖xa7=

24...g5?!

24...♕d5! 25.♖eg1 ♕a2!-+ 26.♖xg7 ♕xd2

25.♖gg1



25...♔e7! 26.♗e4 ♕d6 27.d5 ♔f8?!

27...♘xd5 28.♕xh5 ♘f6 29.♕xh6 ♕xd2-+

28.dxe6 ♕xd2 29.e7+ ♔xe7 30.♗f5+ ♔f8 31.♗xc8 ♔g7 32.♗g4?

32.♗a6 ♘f4 33.♕f1

32...♘f4 33.♕f1 ♕xc3 34.♖e3 ♕c2 35.h4 ♖d2?

35...♖d4 ×f2

36.♕c1 ♘d3 37.♕xc2 ♘xf2+ 38.♔g2 ♖xc2 39.♔g3 ♘2xg4 40.fxg4 ♖c4 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.♔h3 ♘d5 43.♖f3?? ♖c2 44.♔g3 ♘f4 45.♖xf4 gxf4+ 46.♔xf4 ♖c3 47.♖a1 ♖c4+ 48.♔g5 ♖a4 49.♔h5 ♖a5+ 50.♔h4 ♔g6 51.♖c1 ♖xa3 52.♖c6+ f6 0-1

186. E61
Bluebaum, Matthias (2642) - Sebenik, Matej (2510)
Terme Catez 152/186, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.♘f3 O-O 5.♗g5 c5 6.d5 h6 7.♗h4 d6 8.♘d2 ♕b6 9.♕c2

9.♖b1 - 73/634

9...g5N

9...e5; 9...e6

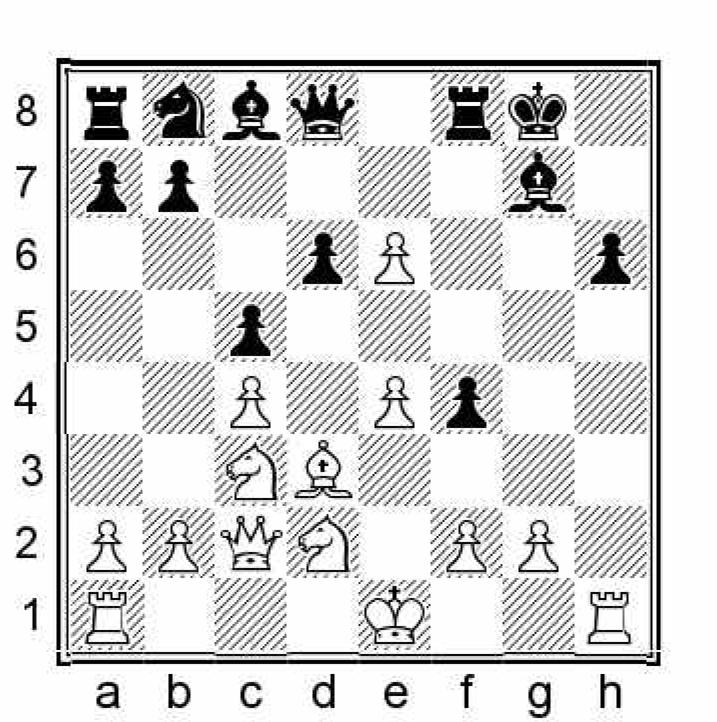
10.♗g3 ♘h5 11.e4 f5 12.♗e2 ♘xg3

⌓12...♘f4 13.♗xf4 gxf4 14.♗d3 fxe4 15.♗xe4 ♘d7 16.O-O ♘f6 (16...♘e5 17.♘e2±) 17.♗d3 ♘g4 18.♘f3 ♘e5 19.♘xe5 ♗xe5 20.♕e2±

13.hxg3 e6 14.♗d3 ♕d8

14...fxe4 15.♗xe4 ♘a6 (15...e5 16.O-O-O±) 16.a3 ♘c7 17.O-O ♗d7 18.♖ae1±

15.dxe6 f4 16.gxf4 gxf4



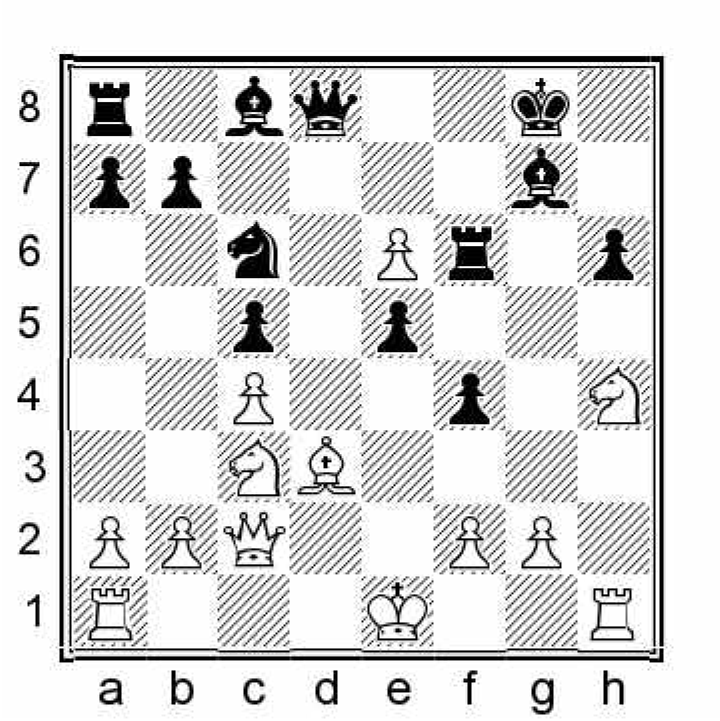
17.e5! dxe5

17...♘c6 18.♘f3 ♘d4 19.♘xd4 cxd4 20.exd6 ♕xd6 21.♘e4 ♕e5 22.O-O-O+-

18.♘f3

18.♗e4 ♘c6 19.♗d5 ♕e7 20.♕g6 ♖f6 21.♕h5 ♘d4 22.♘de4±

18...♘c6 19.♘h4! ♖f6



19...e4 20.♗xe4 ♖e8 21.♖d1 ♘d4 22.♕d3 ♗xe6 23.♔f1±

20.♕e2

20.e7! ♘xe7 (20...♕xe7 21.♘d5+-) 21.O-O-O ♕a5 22.a3 ♗g4 23.f3 ♗h5 24.♘f5±

20...e4

20...♘d4 21.♕e4 ♗xe6 22.♕h7+ ♔f8 23.♘g6+ ♖xg6 24.♕xg6 ♗f7 25.♕e4 ♕d7 26.O-O-O±

21.♘xe4 ♖xe6 22.O-O-O ♕f8 23.♕h5?!

23.♗b1 ♘d4 24.♕d3 ♕e7 25.♘c3±

23...♘e5

⌓23...♖e5 24.♕e2 (24.♕g6 ♘e7 25.♕d6 ♗g4 26.f3 ♖d8 27.♕c7 ♖d7 28.♕a5 ♗h5∞) 24...♘d4 25.♕d2 ♕f7 26.♘c3 ♗g4 27.♖de1 ♖d8 28.♖xe5 ♗xe5 29.♘d5 ♗f6 30.♗e4±

24.♘f5 ♘xd3+ 25.♖xd3 ♗xb2+

25...♖xe4 26.♘xh6+ ♗xh6 (26...♔h7 27.♘f5+ ♔g8 28.♕h7+ ♔f7 29.♘d6++-) 27.♕g6+ ♗g7 28.♕h7+ ♔f7 29.♕xe4+-

26.♔c2

26.♔xb2? ♖b6+ 27.♖b3 ♗xf5 28.♖xb6 axb6 29.♘c3 ♕f6 30.♕xh6 ♗g6∞

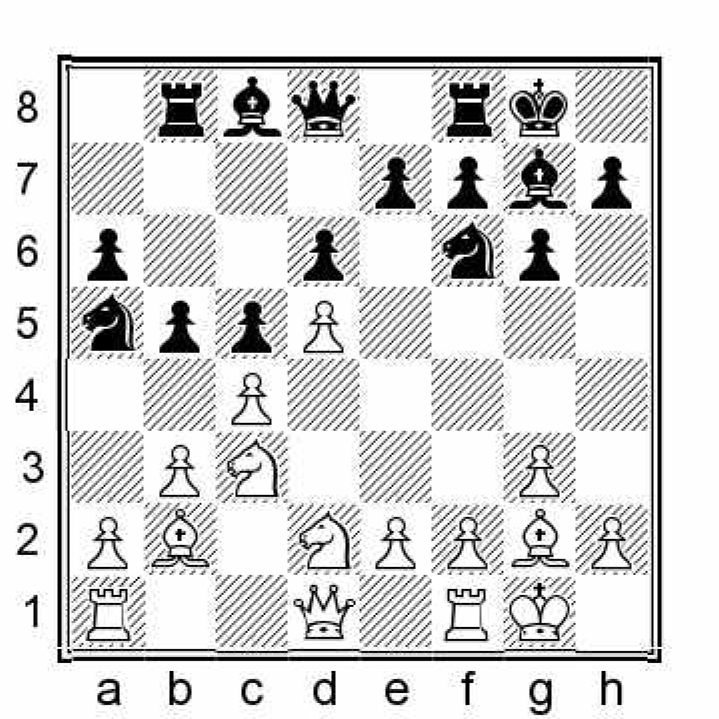
26...♗g7 27.f3

27.♘xg7 ♔xg7 28.♖h4 ♖f6 (28...♔h8 29.♕g5+-) 29.♘xf6 (29.♖d5+-) 29...♕xf6 30.♖d5+-

27...♖a6 28.♘xg7+- ♔xg7 29.♕e5+ ♔g8 30.♖h4 ♗e6 31.♘f6+ 1-0

187. * E63
Indjic, Aleksandar (2621) - Yuffa, Daniil (2597)
Sharjah 152/187, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.d5 ♘a5 8.b3 c5 9.♗b2 a6 10.♘d2 ♖b8 11.O-O b5



12.♕c1!?

12.♕c2 - 98/(417)

12...bxc4N

12...e5 - 152/(187) 13.dxe6 ♗xe6N (13...fxe6) 14.cxb5 axb5 15.♘ce4 ♘d5 (15...♘e8 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7 17.♖d1 b4 18.♘f1±) 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7 17.♕b2+ ♔g8 18.♘f3 b4 (18...f6 19.♖fd1 ♕e7 20.♖d2±) 19.♖fd1 f6 20.♘xc5 dxc5 21.e4+- Erdos,V (2607)-Tutisani,N (2442) Terme Catez 152/(187) 2022

13.bxc4 e6

13...e5 14.♘d1 h5 15.♗c3 ♗h6 16.♕c2 h4 17.♖e1 ♗d7 18.e3±

14.♖b1

14.dxe6?! ♗xe6 15.♘d1 (15.♘d5? ♖xb2!-+) 15...♕d7 16.♖b1 ♘c6=

14...♖e8 15.♗a1 ♖xb1

15...♖b4 16.♖xb4 cxb4 17.♘ce4 exd5 18.♘xf6+ (18.cxd5 ♘xd5 19.♗xg7 ♔xg7 20.♕b2+ ♔g8 21.a3±) 18...♗xf6 19.cxd5 ♗xa1 20.♕xa1 ♖xe2 21.♕d4 ♕c7 22.♗f3 ♖e5 23.♕xb4±

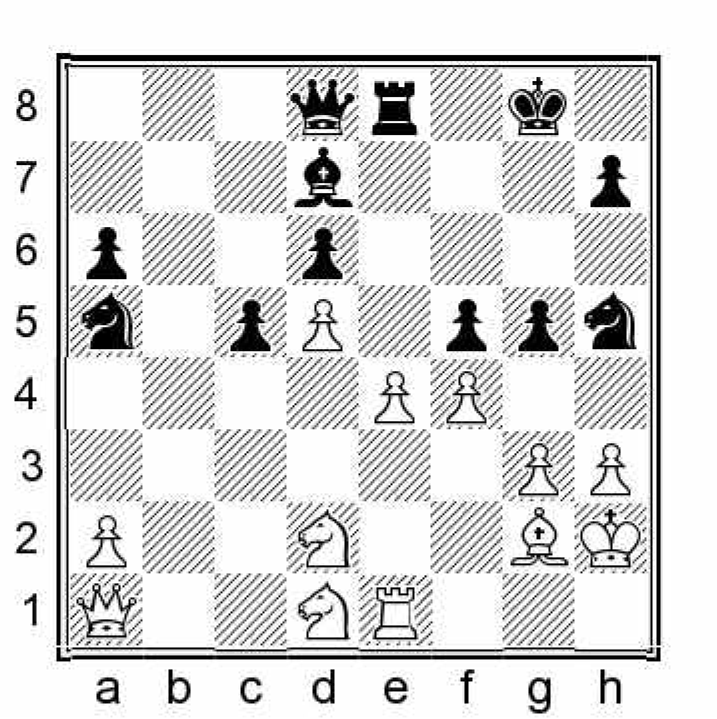
16.♕xb1 exd5 17.cxd5 ♗f5 18.e4 ♗d7 19.h3 ♕c7 20.f4± ♘h5

20...♘b7 21.♔h2 h5 22.f5 g5 23.♕d3±

21.♔h2 f5 22.♖e1 ♕d8

22...fxe4 23.♘cxe4 ♖b8 24.♕c1 ♗xa1 25.♕xa1 ♗f5 26.♕c3 ♗xe4 27.♘xe4 ♘b7 28.g4 ♘g7 29.f5! ♘e8 (29...gxf5 30.gxf5 ♘xf5 31.♘f6+ ♔f8 32.♕f3+-) 30.♖f1+-

23.♘d1! ♗xa1 24.♕xa1 g5



25.♗f3!+- g4

25...♘g7 26.♘e3 gxf4 27.gxf4 ♕h4 28.♘g2 ♕h6 29.♕c3 ♘b7 30.e5+-

26.♗g2 gxh3 27.♗f3

27.♗xh3 fxe4 28.♘xe4 ♗xh3 29.♔xh3

27...♕f6 28.e5 ♕g6 29.♗xh5 ♕xh5 30.e6 ♗a4 31.♘e3 ♖b8 32.g4! 1-0

188. * E65
Fier, Alexandr (2573) - Jones, Gawain C B (2666)
Italia 152/188, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.♘f3 O-O 5.g3 d6 6.♗g2 c5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.♗f4 ♘h5 10.♗e3 b6

10...♕a5 - 62/574

11.♕c1 ♗b7 12.♗h6 ♕e8

12...♕c8 13.♗xg7 (13.♘d5 e6 (13...♖e8?! 14.♗xg7 ♘xg7 15.♖d1 ♘b4 16.e4±) 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7 15.♘c3 (15.♕c3+ ♔g8=) 15...♘d4=) 13...♘xg7 14.♖d1 f6 (14...♖d8 15.♘d5±) 15.a3±

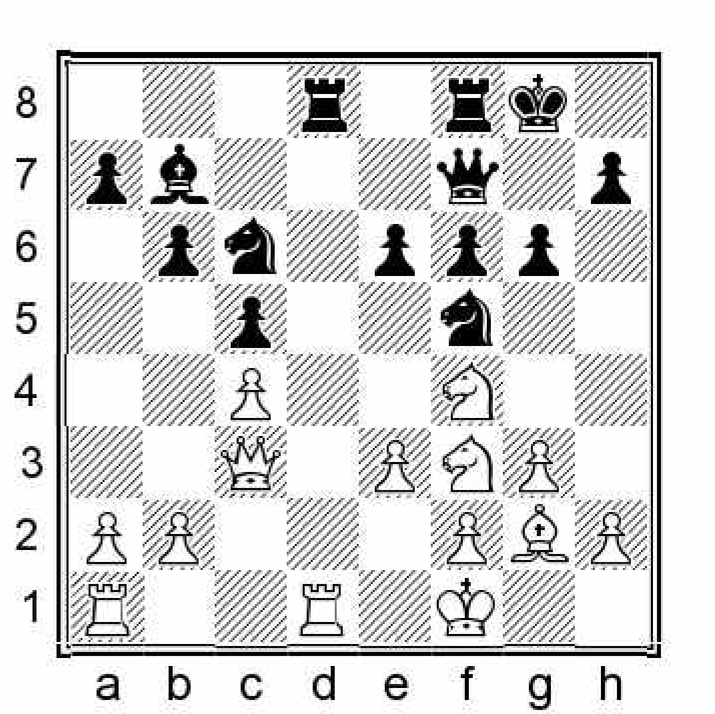
13.♗xg7 ♘xg7 14.♘d5

14.♖d1 ♖d8 (14...f6= 15.♘e1) 15.♕f4 f6 16.♖xd8 ♕xd8 17.♖d1 ♕c8=

14...♖d8 15.♖d1 f6 16.♕c3 ♕f7 17.♔f1?!N

17.e3 - 152/(188) 17...e6 18.♘f4 ♕e7 (18...g5 19.♘d3 ♕e7 20.♘d2 ♖d7 21.♕c2 ♖fd8 22.♘e4 ♘e8 23.a3 ♔f8=) 19.h4 ♖xd1+ 20.♖xd1 ♖d8 1/2 (20) Arkell,K (2370)-Collins,S (2456) Dublin 152/(188) 2022

17...♘f5 18.e3 e6 19.♘f4



19...g5! 20.♘d3 ♖d7

20...h5!? 21.♘d2 (21.h3 ♘e5! 22.♘fe1 (22.♘dxe5? ♖xd1+ 23.♖xd1 fxe5 24.♕xe5 ♗xf3 25.♗xf3 ♘g7-+) 22...♗xg2+ 23.♔xg2 ♘g6∓) 21...♕g6 22.♘b3 h4∓

21.♘de1 ♖xd1?!

21...g4! 22.♖xd7 ♕xd7 23.♘d2 ♘e5∓

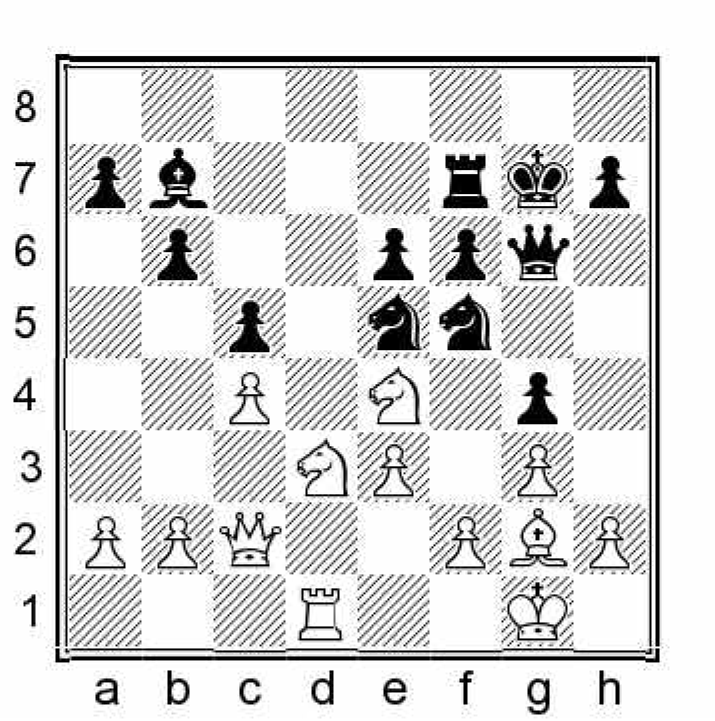
22.♖xd1 g4 23.♘d2 ♘e5 24.♘e4

24.♘d3 ♗xg2+ 25.♔xg2 ♘g6 26.a3 ♕b7+ 27.♔g1 ♖d8 28.b4 ♕c6 29.bxc5 bxc5=

24...♕g6 25.♕c2 ♔g7 26.♔g1 ♖f7

26...♘h6 27.b3 ♗a8 28.♘c3 ♗f3 29.♖d2 ♘hf7∓

27.♘d3?



27.♖d2 h5 28.♘d3 ♘xd3 29.♕xd3 h4 30.♘c3 h3 31.♗xb7 ♖xb7=

27...♘xe3! 28.♘xe5 ♘xc2 29.♘xg6 ♔xg6 30.♘d6 ♖d7 31.♗xb7 ♘d4! 32.♗e4+ ♔g5 33.♘b5

33.♖xd4 cxd4 34.♘b5 a6 35.♗c6 ♖d8 36.♘a3 d3∓

33...♘e2+ 34.♔f1 ♘xg3+ 35.hxg3 ♖xd1+ 36.♔e2 ♖d7

36...♖a1 37.a3 (37.♘c3 ♖c1 38.♔d2 ♖g1-+) 37...♖a2-+

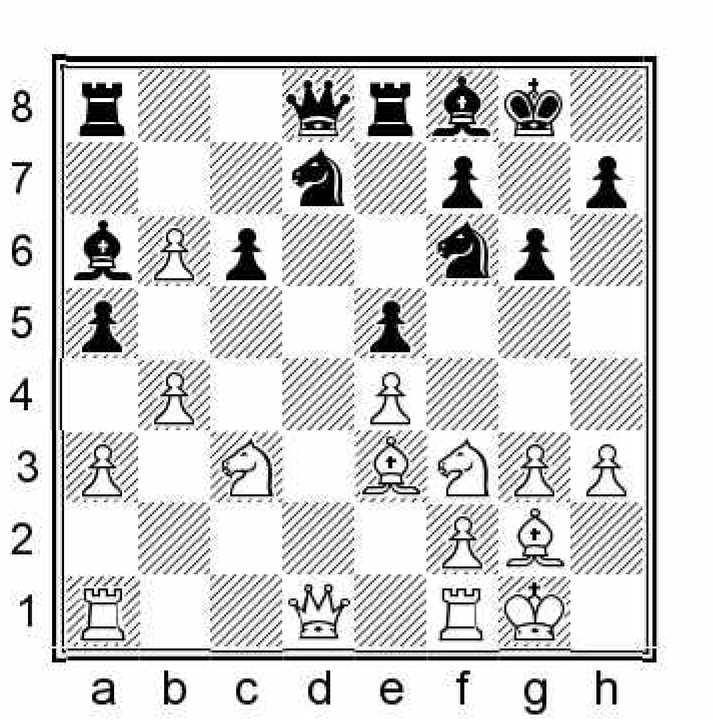
37.♗c6 ♖e7 38.a3 f5 39.b4 ♔f6 40.♔e3 ♔e5 41.♘c3 h5 42.♘e2 ♖h7 43.♘f4 h4 44.gxh4 ♔d6 45.♗g2 ♖xh4-+ 46.♔e2 ♖h2 47.♔f1 ♔e5 48.♘e2 ♖h8 49.bxc5 bxc5 50.♘c3 ♖b8 51.♘b5 a6 52.♘a7 ♖b1+ 53.♔e2 ♖b2+ 54.♔e1 g3 0-1

189. E69
Ftacnik, Lubomir (2507) - Naiditsch, Arkadij (2660)
Oesterreich 152/189, 2022

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 ♗g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♗g2 d6 6.♘c3 ♘bd7 7.O-O e5 8.e4 ♖e8 9.♗e3 a6 10.h3 c6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.c5

12.b4 - 6/747

12...♗f8 13.b4 a5 14.a3 b6 15.cxb6 ♗a6



15...axb4 16.axb4 ♖xa1 17.♕xa1 ♘xb6 18.♖d1 ♘fd7 19.♘a4 (19.b5 cxb5 20.♘xb5 ♘c4 21.♗g5 ♕b6 22.♘c3 ♕b2 23.♕xb2 ♘xb2 24.♖b1 ♘d3 25.♗f1 ♘3c5=) 19...♘c4 20.♗c5±

16.bxa5?!

16.b5! cxb5 (16...♗xb5 17.♘xb5 cxb5 18.♕d3 ♖b8 19.♕xb5 ♘xb6 20.♕xa5+-) 17.♘d5 b4 (17...♘xd5 18.♕xd5±; 17...♗d6 18.♖c1±) 18.axb4 ♗xf1 19.♗xf1 ♗xb4 20.♗g5 ♗e7 21.♗b5±

16...♗xf1 17.♗xf1 ♖xa5 18.♗c4 ♗c5 19.♕b3N

19.♗xc5?! ♖xc5 20.♕b3 ♕xb6! (20...♔g7 21.♘a4 ♖a5 22.♗xf7 ♖e7 23.♗c4 ♘xe4∞) 21.♗xf7+ ♔f8 22.♕xb6 ♘xb6 23.♗xe8 ♖xc3 24.♗xg6 ♖xf3 25.♗f5 ♘a4∓; 19.♘g5 ♖f8 20.♗xc5 (20.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 21.♕b3 ♕f8 22.b7 ♘b8 23.♗xc5 ♖xc5 24.♖d1 ♖xc3! 25.♕xc3 ♖xb7∓) 20...♖xc5 21.♕d3 ♕e7∓

19...♔g7

19...♕e7 20.♗xc5 (20.♘g5 ♗xe3 21.♗xf7+ ♔h8 22.♗xe8 ♘xe8 23.♘f7+ ♔g7 24.fxe3 ♕xf7-+) 20...♘xc5 21.♕b4 ♘b7∓

20.♗xf7 ♖e7 21.♗xc5 ♖xc5 22.♘g5

22.♗c4 ♕xb6 23.♕a2 ♕a7∓

22...♕xb6 23.♘a4 ♕xb3 24.♗xb3 ♖a5 25.♖d1 ♘f8 26.♖c1 ♖b7 27.♘c5 ♖xc5 28.♖xc5 ♖xb3-+ 29.♖xe5 ♘6d7 30.♖e8 h6 31.♘e6+ ♔f7 32.♘c7 ♖b7 33.♖c8 ♘b6 0-1

190. * E70
Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2652) - Jones, Gawain C B (2672)
Deutschland 152/190, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗d3 ♘c6 6.♘ge2 O-O 7.O-O ♘d7 8.♗e3 e5 9.d5 ♘d4

10.♘b5 ♘xb5 11.cxb5 f5 12.exf5

12.f3 f4 13.♗f2 ♘f6 14.♖c1 g5∓ - 57/561

12...gxf5 13.f4N

13.f3 ♘f6 14.♘c3 ♕e8∞

13...e4N

13...♘f6 - 152/(190) 14.h3 ♔h8 15.♗c4 ♘e4 16.♖b1 ♗d7 17.a4 ♕e7∞ Khumalo,K (2138)-Vitiugov,N (2726) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 152/(190) 2022

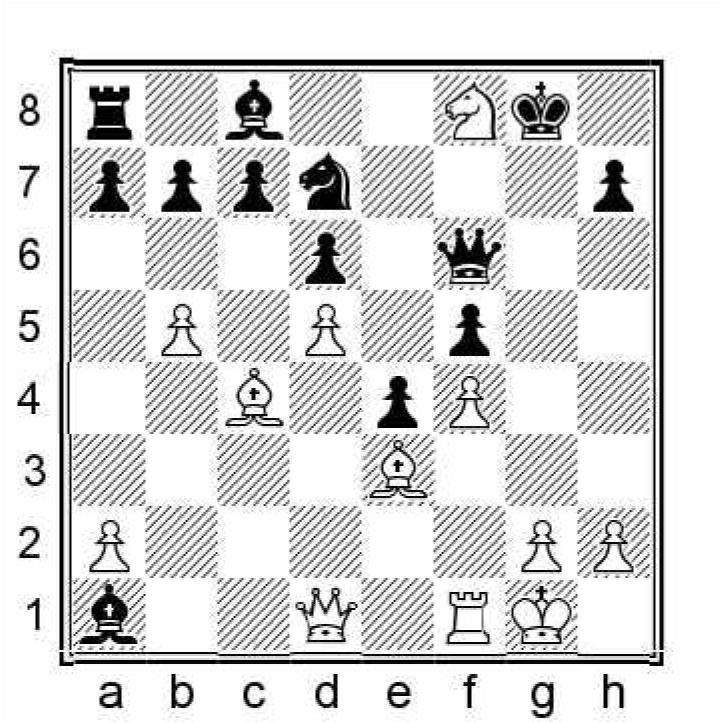
14.♗c4 ♗xb2 15.♘d4?

15.♖b1 ♗g7 (15...♗a3 16.♘d4 ♗c5 17.♔h1 ♘f6 18.♖b3 ♔h8∞) 16.♘d4 ♘c5∞

15...♗xa1 16.♘e6

16.♕xa1 ♘c5∓

16...♕f6 17.♘xf8



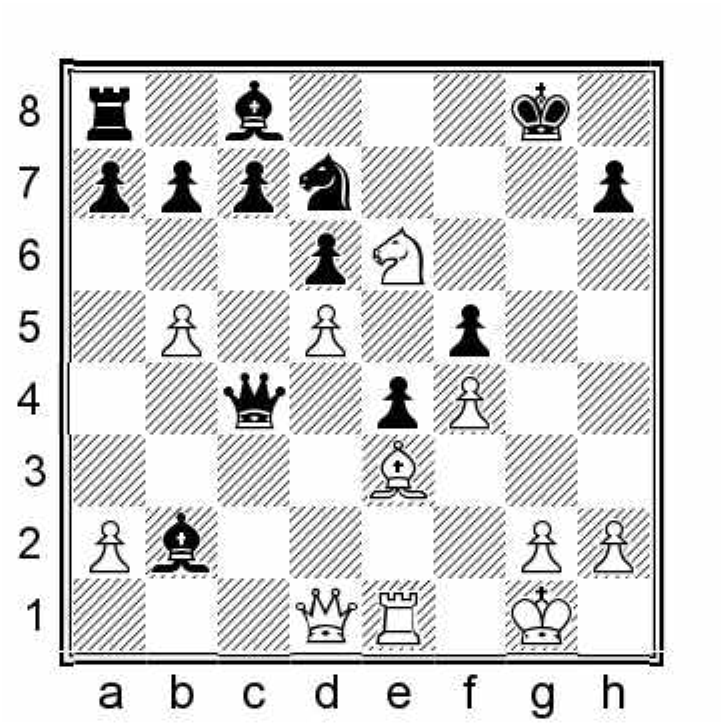
17...♕c3

17...♔xf8! 18.♕xa1 ♕xa1 19.♖xa1 a6! 20.bxa6 b6 21.♗b5 ♘c5∓

18.♖e1 ♗b2

⌓18...♔xf8 19.♕xa1 ♕xa1 20.♖xa1∓ - 17...Kf8

19.♘e6 ♕xc4?!



19...♘f6 20.♗b3 (20.♗d4 ♕xc4 21.♗xb2 ♗xe6 22.dxe6 ♕xe6∓) 20...♗xe6 21.dxe6 d5∓

20.♕h5!= ♘f8

20...♗g7 21.♕e8+ ♘f8 22.♘xg7 ♕xd5 (22...♕c3 23.♗f2 ♔xg7 24.♖e3 ♕c1+ 25.♖e1 ♕b2 26.♖e3 ♕c1+ 27.♖e1=) 23.♖c1 c5 24.bxc6 ♔xg7 25.cxb7 ♕xb7 26.♗d4+ ♔g8 27.♕d8 e3 28.♕g5+ (28.♕f6?! ♘e6 (28...♘g6 29.♕d8+ ♘f8=) 29.g4 e2 30.♔f2 fxg4 31.f5 ♕f3+ 32.♔g1 ♕e4 33.♕h8+ ♔f7 34.♕xh7+ ♔e8 35.♕g6+ ♔f8 36.♕f6+ ♔e8 37.♕g6+ ♔f8=) 28...♘g6 29.♕d8+ ♘f8 30.♕g5+ ♘g6=

21.♕g5+ ♘g6 22.♕d8+ ♔f7 23.♘xc7 ♗c3 24.♕e8+ ♔g7 25.♕d8 ♔f7 26.♕e8+ ♔g7 27.♕d8 1/2-1/2

191. E73
Milos, Gilberto (2575) - Supi, Luis Paulo (2581)
Sao Paulo (rapid) 152/191, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.h4 ♘c5 9.♕c2 c6 10.h5 cxd5 11.cxd5 ♕a5 12.♗d2

12.h6 - 148/196

12...♗d7 13.hxg6N

13.h6 ♗h8 14.♘h3 ♖ac8 15.♘g5 ♕d8 16.♕d1 a5∞

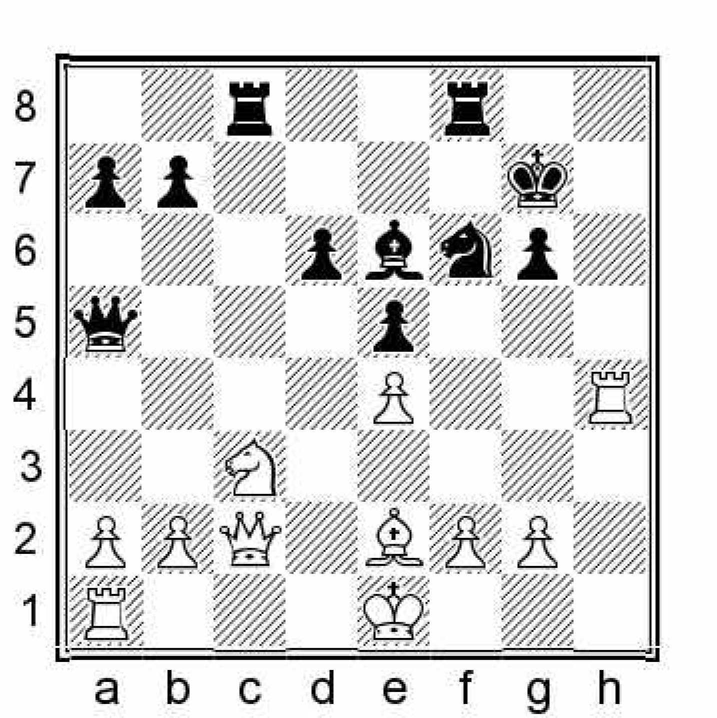
13...fxg6!

13...hxg6 14.♘h3 ♖fc8 15.♘g5 ♕d8 16.a4 a5⇄

14.♘h3 ♖ac8 15.♘g5 h6 16.♘e6 ♘xe6 17.dxe6 ♗xe6 18.♗xh6

18.♖d1 h5∓

18...♗xh6 19.♖xh6 ♔g7 20.♖h4



20.♖h1 ♘xe4! 21.♕xe4 ♖xc3-+

20...d5! 21.exd5

21.♕b3 d4 22.♕b5 (22.♕xe6 dxc3-+) 22...♕xb5 23.♘xb5 ♖c2-+

21...♘xd5∓ 22.♕d2

22.♖d1 ♘xc3 23.bxc3 ♖xc3 24.♕d2 ♖a3 25.♕xa5 ♖xa5-+

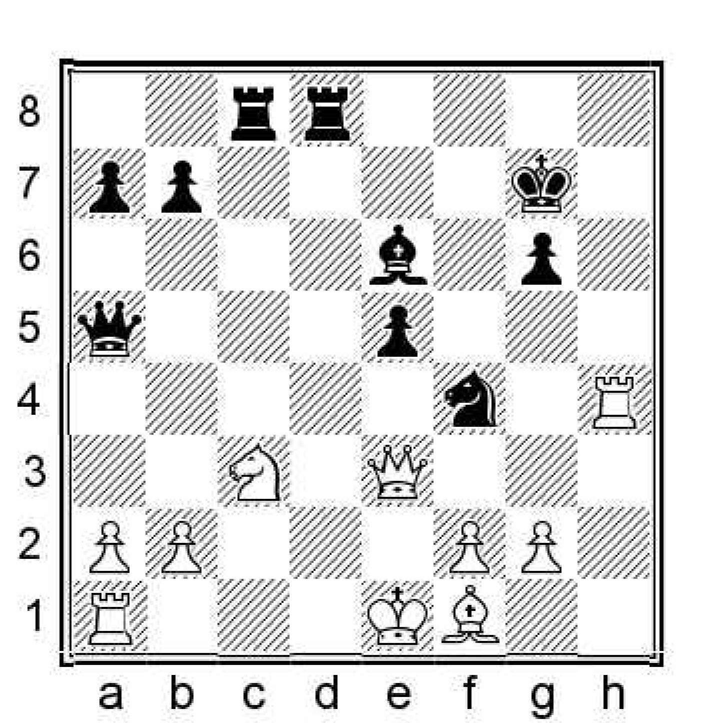
22...♘f4

22...♘xc3 23.bxc3 ♕c5 24.♗f3 (24.♕h6+ ♔f6 25.♔f1 ♖h8 26.♕xh8+ ♖xh8 27.♖xh8 ♕xc3 28.♖d1 ♗xa2-+) 24...♖h8 25.♖xh8 ♖xh8 26.O-O-O ♖h4∓

23.♗f1

23.♔f1 ♕b6 24.♖d1 ♖fd8 25.♕e3 ♕xe3 26.fxe3 ♖xd1+ 27.♗xd1 ♗c4+ 28.♔g1 ♘d3 29.♗f3 b6∓

23...♖fd8 24.♕e3



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E75-E99

192. E81
Gormally, Daniel (2471) - Hebden, Mark (2448)
Daventry 152/192, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.♗g5 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♕d2 ♕a5

8...exd5 9.cxd5 ♘a6= 10.♗xa6 (10.♘ge2 - 33/127, A 65) 10...bxa6 11.♘ge2 ♖b8 12.O-O ♖e8 (12...♕b6) 13.♖ab1 a5 (13...♗d7 14.♘g3 ♕b6∓ 15.♕f4!)

9.♗f4

9.♘ge2

9...exd5 10.cxd5 ♘e8N

10...♖d8

11.h4

11.g4??

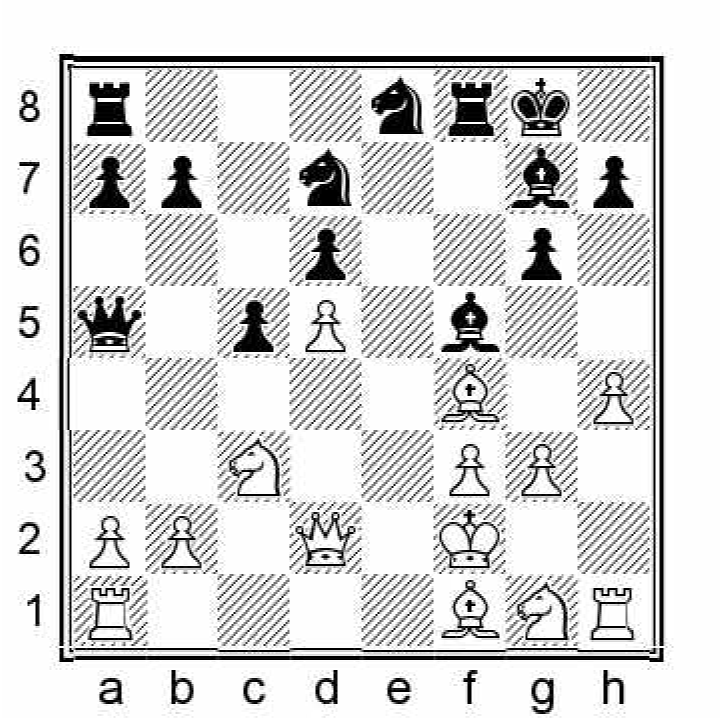
11...f5 12.exf5

12.h5 fxe4 13.hxg6 hxg6! (13...♖xf4 14.♕xf4 ♗xc3+ 15.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 16.♔f2) 14.♗h6 (14.♘xe4 ♕xd2+ 15.♗xd2 ♗xb2 16.♖b1 ♗g7)12.♗h6

12...♗xf5 13.g3

13.h5 ♘d7 14.g4 ♗xg4; 13.♗h6 b5 (13...♘d7 14.g4; 13...♘f6 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7 15.g4 ♗d7 16.h5) 14.♗xg7 ♘xg7 15.♗xb5-+ ♘d7 16.♗xd7 ♗xd7 17.♘e4

13...♘d7 14.♔f2



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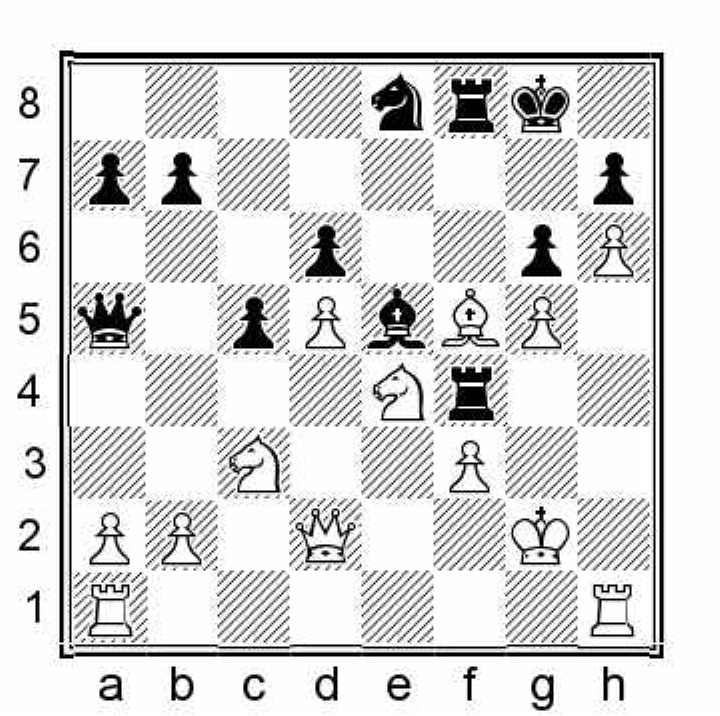
23.hxg6 hxg6 24.♖af1

23...♘e8? 24.g5? ♗f5 25.♗xf5



25...♖4xf5 26.♖af1 ♗f4 27.♕c2 ♕d8 28.♘e2 ♗xg5 29.♘4g3 ♖5f7 30.♕e4 ♘f6 31.♕d3 ♘d7 32.♕e4 ♖e8 33.♕c2 ♗e3 34.f4 ♘f6 35.f5 g5 36.♘c3 ♖e5 0-1

193. E94
Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2624) - Giri, Anish (2773)
Oslo (m/1-rapid) 152/193, 2022

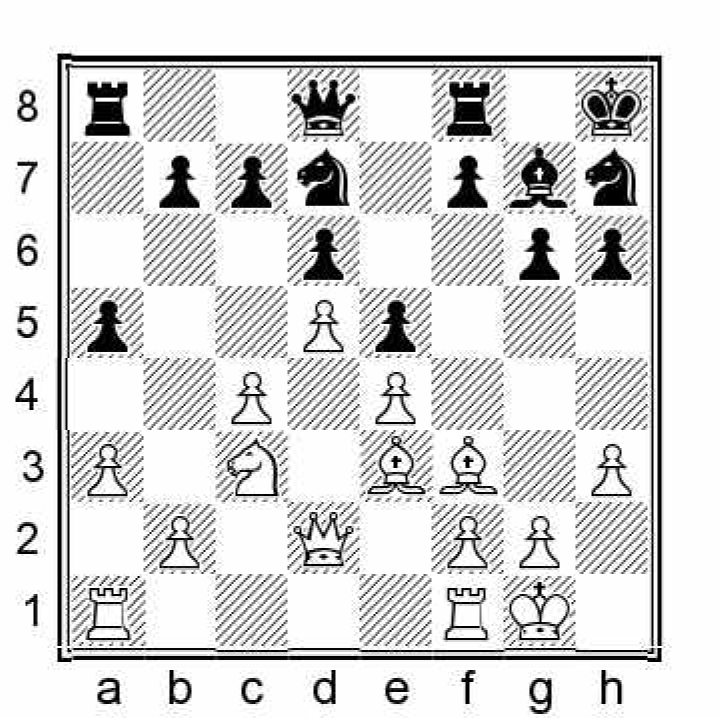
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♘f3 e5 7.O-O ♗g4 8.d5 a5 9.h3

9.♗g5 - 151/196

9...♗xf3 10.♗xf3 ♔h8N

10...♘a6

11.♗g5 h6 12.♗e3 ♘bd7 13.a3 ♘h7 14.♕d2



14...f5! 15.♗xh6 ♕h4 16.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 17.exf5

17.♘b5 ♘g5! 18.♕e3 (18.♘xc7? ♘xf3+ 19.gxf3 ♖h8-+) 18...♖ac8 19.♘a7 ♖a8 20.♘b5=

17...gxf5 18.♗d1 f4

18...♔h8!? 19.f4 ♖g8 20.♔h1 (20.fxe5? ♘g5-+) 20...♖g3 21.♖f3 ♖ag8 22.♖xg3 ♖xg3 23.♗c2 (23.fxe5 ♘xe5-+) 23...exf4 24.♘e2 ♖xh3+ 25.gxh3 ♕xh3+ 26.♔g1 ♕g4+ 27.♔f2 ♕h4+ 28.♔f1 ♕h3+ 29.♔e1 ♕h1+=

19.♗g4

19.♘b5? f3! 20.♘xc7 ♔h8! 21.♗xf3 (21.♘xa8 ♘g5-+) 21...♖ac8! (21...♖xf3!? 22.♘xa8 ♘g5 23.g3 ♕h6 24.♖ad1 ♖xa3 25.♕c1 ♘xh3+ 26.♔g2 ♘f4+ 27.♕xf4! exf4 28.bxa3 f3+ 29.♔xf3 ♕f8+ 30.♔g2 ♕xa8 31.♖fe1∞) 22.♗g4 ♖xc7 23.♕xa5 ♖c5 24.♕e1 ♘hf6∓; 19.f3 ♘g5 (19...♘c5 20.♘a4 b6 21.b4 ♘xa4 22.♗xa4 ♖f7 23.♕f2 ♕h6 24.♗c2 ♘g5=∞) 20.♖f2 (20.♗c2 ♕g3 21.♔h1 ♕h4=∞) 20...♘f6 21.♗c2 ♘h5=∞

19...♘df6=∞

19...♘c5!? 20.f3 a4 (20...♘b3 21.♕e1±) 21.♕e1 ♕h6 22.♘e4 ♘b3 23.♖d1 ♘f6=∞

20.f3

20.♗e6 ♘g5 21.f3 ♖ae8 22.♖ae1 ♘xe6 23.dxe6 ♖xe6∞

20...♘g5 21.♕f2 ♕h7 22.♗e6 ♖ae8 23.c5?!

23.♖ad1 b6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 ♖h8 (25...♘xe6 26.dxe6 ♖xe6∞) 26.♖fe1 ♕g6=∞

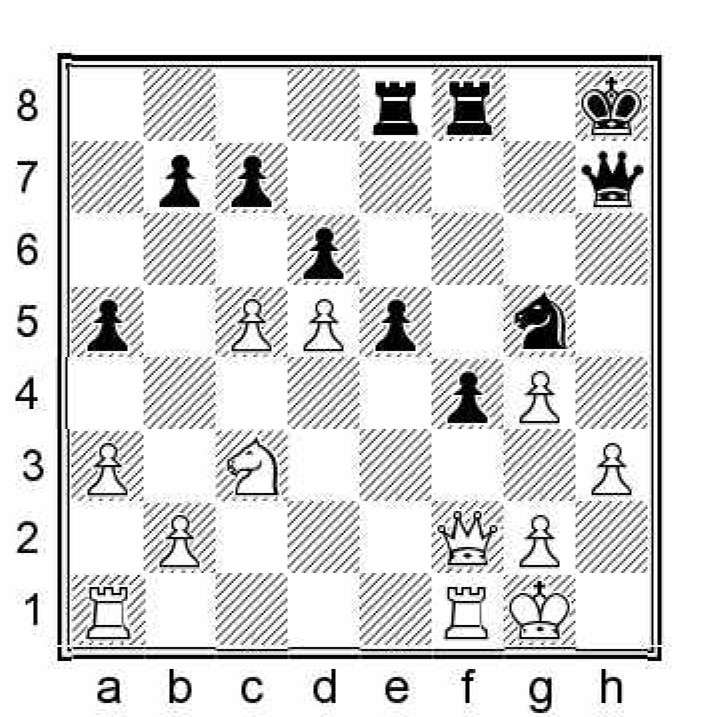
23...♔h8?

23...♘xe6 24.dxe6 d5∓

24.♗g4?

24.♖fe1 ♖e7 25.cxd6 cxd6 26.♖ad1 ♕g6 27.♔h2±

24...♘xg4 25.fxg4



25.hxg4 ♖f6 26.♘e4 ♖h6 27.♕e1 ♘xf3+!-+

25...♖f6

25...e4! 26.♕d4+ ♔g8 27.♖ae1 f3-+

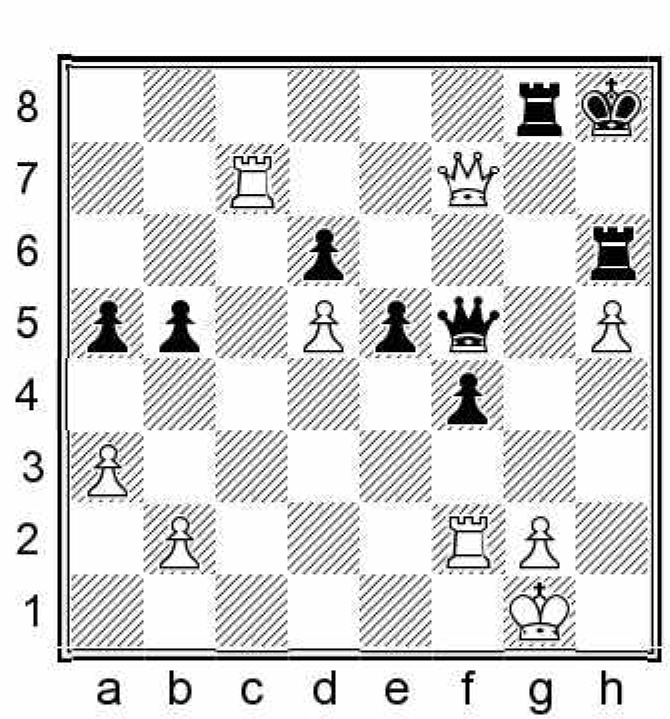
26.cxd6 cxd6 27.h4

27.♖ac1 ♖g8 28.♘d1 ♖gf8 29.♕d2 ♔g8∓

27...♖h6 28.h5 ♕d7 29.♕h4 ♖g8 30.♖ac1 b5 31.♘d1 ♘e4 32.♘f2 ♘xf2 33.♖xf2 ♖xg4 34.♖c7

34.♕h3 ♖f6 35.h6 ♕f5 36.♖c7 ♖f8∓

34...♕f5 35.♕e7 ♖g8 36.♕f7



36...♖f6

36...♕b1+! 37.♖f1 ♕xb2 38.♖f2 ♕b1+ 39.♖f1 ♕e4 40.♖f2 ♕e1+ 41.♖f1 ♕h4-+

37.♕e7

37.♕d7 ♕xh5 38.♖c8 ♖xc8 39.♕xc8+ ♔g7∓

37...f3 38.♖c3 e4 39.♖e3 ♖xg2+ 40.♔f1 ♕g5 41.♕e8+ ♔g7 42.h6+ ♔xh6-+ 43.♕h8+ ♔g6 44.♕g8+ ♔h5

44...♔f5 45.♕xg5+ ♖xg5 46.♔e1 ♔f4

45.♕xg5+ ♖xg5 46.♖h2+ ♔g4 47.♖xe4+ ♖f4 48.♖e6 ♖xd5 49.♖g6+ ♔f5 50.♖h5+ ♔e4!

50...♔xg6?? 51.♖xd5 ♖f5 52.♖xd6+ ♔g5 53.♖d4=

51.♖hh6 ♖d1+ 52.♔f2 ♖d2+ 53.♔f1 ♖xb2 54.♖xd6 ♔e3 55.♖he6+ ♖e4 56.♖xe4+ ♔xe4 57.♖e6+ ♔d3 0-1

194. * E94
Giri, Anish (2773) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2714)
Oslo (m/1-rapid) 152/194, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♗g4 8.d5 a5 9.♘e1

9.♗e3 ♘a6 10.♘e1 (10.♘d2 - 151/(196)) 10...♗d7 11.♘d3 h5 12.h3N (12.a3) 12...b6 13.♕d2 ♘h7 14.♖ae1 ♘b4 15.a3 ♘xd3 16.♗xd3 a4 17.♗c2 ♗f6 18.♕d1 ♕e8 19.♕d2 (19.♗h6 ♗g7 20.♗xg7 ♔xg7 21.f4 exf4 22.♖xf4 ♘g5∞) 19...♕e7 20.♕d1 ♕e8= 21.♕d2 ♕e7 22.♕d1 ♕e8 1/2 (22) Giri,A (2773) - Van Foreest,J (2714) Oslo (m/3-rapid) 152/(194) 2022

9...♗xe2 10.♕xe2 ♘a6 11.♘d3 b6N

11...♘d7; 11...♘b4

12.♗g5 h6 13.♗d2 ♘d7 14.♖ab1 ♘dc5 15.♘xc5

15.b3 f5 16.f3 ♘xd3 17.♕xd3 ♘c5 18.♕e2 ♕e7 19.a3 fxe4 20.fxe4 (20.♘xe4 ♘xe4 21.♕xe4 ♔h7=) 20...♖xf1+ 21.♕xf1 a4! 22.b4 ♘b3 23.♗e3 ♘d4∞

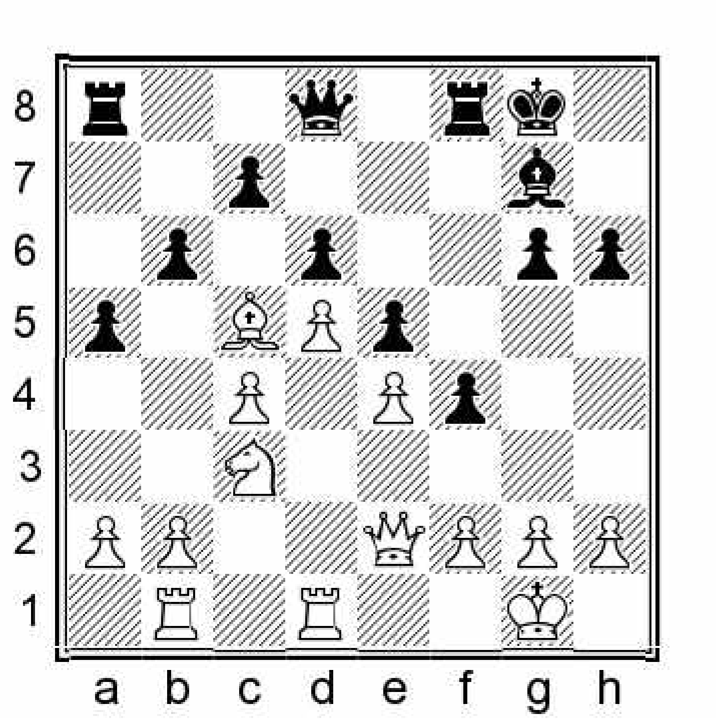
15...♘xc5 16.♗e3 f5 17.♖fd1

17.f3 f4 18.♗f2 ♗f6! 19.♔h1 ♗h4 20.♗g1 ♗g3! 21.b3 ♕h4 22.a3 g5 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 ♘d7∞

17...f4

17...♘xe4 18.♘xe4 fxe4 19.♕g4 ♔h7 20.♕xe4 h5∞

18.♗xc5



18...f3!

18...bxc5 19.♕g4 ♖f6 20.f3 h5 21.♕h4±

19.gxf3 bxc5 20.♔h1 ♔h7=∞ 21.♖g1 h5

21...♗f6!? 22.♖g4 ♗g5 23.♖bg1 ♕e7=∞

22.♖bd1

22.♖g2 ♖f6 23.♖bg1 ♕e8 (23...♗h6? 24.f4! ♗xf4 25.♖xg6! ♖xg6 26.♕xh5++-) 24.f4 ♖xf4 25.♖xg6 ♕xg6 26.♖xg6 ♔xg6=∞

22...♗h6 23.♖d3 ♕d7 24.♕f1 ♖f6 25.♕g2 ♖af8 26.♘b5 g5 27.♖a3 ♖8f7 28.♖xa5 ♖xf3

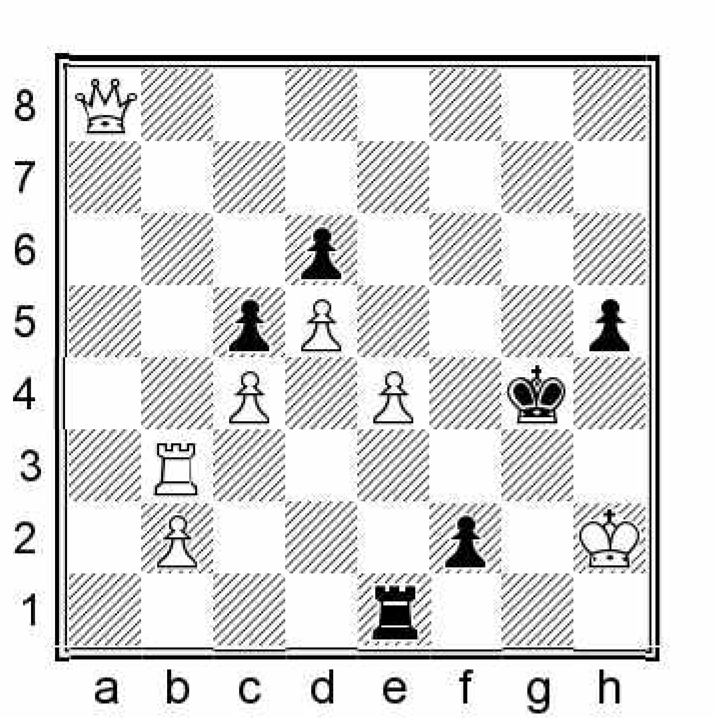
28...g4 29.fxg4 ♖xf2 30.♕h3 ♗f4 31.♕xh5+ ♔g7 32.♖g2 ♖f1+ 33.♖g1 ♖f2=

29.♖a7□ ♖xf2 30.♕xf2 ♖xf2 31.♖xc7 ♕xc7 32.♘xc7 g4

32...♖xb2 33.♘e8 ♖xa2 34.♘xd6 g4 35.h3 ♗e3 36.♖e1 ♗f4 37.hxg4 ♖h2+ 38.♔g1 hxg4 39.♘f5 ♔g6=

33.♖g2 ♖f7 34.♘e6 ♗e3 35.h3 gxh3 36.♖g3 ♖f1+ 37.♔h2 ♗f4 38.♘xf4 exf4 39.♖g5

39.♖xh3 ♔g6 40.♖b3 ♔g5 41.a4 f3 42.a5 ♔g4 43.a6 ♖e1 44.a7 f2 45.a8=♕



45...♖h1+! 46.♔xh1 f1=♕+ 47.♔h2 ♕f2+ 48.♔h1=

39...♖e1 40.♔xh3 ♖xe4 41.♖xh5+ ♔g6 42.♔g4 ♖xc4 43.♖g5+ ♔f6 44.♖f5+ ♔e7 45.♖xf4= ♖c2 46.b4 ♖xa2 47.bxc5 dxc5 48.♔f3 ♖d2 49.♔e4 ♖d4+ 50.♔e5 ♖xf4 51.♔xf4 ♔d6 52.♔e4 c4 53.♔d4 c3 54.♔xc3 ♔xd5 1/2-1/2

195. E94
Hjartarson, Johann (2465) - Warmerdam, Max (2599)
Reykjavik 152/195, 2022

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 g6 3.d4 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O exd4 8.♘xd4 ♖e8 9.f3 c6 10.♘c2 ♘a6 11.♔h1 h6

11...♘c7 - 49/(739)

12.♗e3 d5 13.exd5N

13.cxd5 cxd5 14.exd5 ♘b4! 15.♘xb4 ♖xe3 16.♕d2 ♖e8 17.♗b5 ♗d7 (17...♖e5 18.♘d3 ♖g5 19.♗c4±) 18.♗xd7 ♕xd7 19.♖ad1 ♖ad8 20.a3 ♕c7 21.♕f2 a5 22.♘c2 b5 (22...♕c4=∞) 23.♖d2 (23.♘xb5 ♕b7 24.a4 ♘xd5=∞) 23...♕b8=∞

13...cxd5 14.♗f2

14.cxd5 - 13.ed5

14...♘c7 15.c5

15.♖e1 dxc4 16.♗xc4 ♗e6=

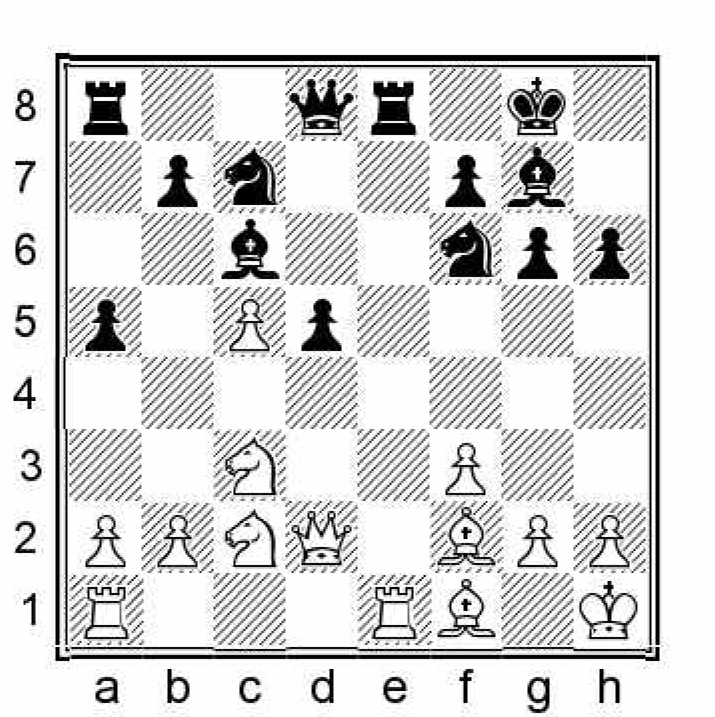
15...♗d7

15...♘h5!? 16.♘d4 (16.♕d2 ♕g5 17.♗e3 ♕h4 18.♗f2 ♕g5=) 16...♘f4 17.♗b5 ♗d7 18.♗xd7 ♕xd7 19.♕d2 ♘fe6∞ 20.b4 a5 21.a3 ♗xd4 22.♗xd4 ♘xd4 23.♕xd4 ♕e7 24.♖ad1 (24.♘xd5 ♘xd5 25.♕xd5 axb4 26.a4 ♖a5∞) 24...♕e3

16.♕d2 a5 17.♖fe1

17.♘d4 ♘e6 18.♘xe6 ♖xe6 19.♘b5 ♗c6 20.♘d4 ♖e8∞

17...♗c6 18.♗f1



18.♘d4 ♘d7 19.♖ac1 ♕g5 (19...h5 20.♘cb5 ♘xb5 21.♘xb5 a4∞) 20.f4 ♕f6 21.♗g1 a4∞

18...♘d7!

18...♖xe1!? 19.♖xe1 ♘d7 20.♖d1 ♕g5 (20...♘e6∞) 21.♗e3 ♕f6 22.♗xh6 ♗xh6 23.♕xh6 ♘xc5∞

19.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 20.♖e1 ♕f8 21.♗g3 ♘e6

⌓21...♕d8 22.♗d6 ♗f8 23.♘e3 ♘xc5 24.♗xf8 (24.♗xc7 ♕xc7 25.♘exd5 ♕d6∓) 24...♔xf8 25.♘exd5 ♘xd5 26.♖d1 ♘xc3 27.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 28.♖xd8+ ♔e7 29.♖a8 ♘d1 30.♖xa5 ♘d7∓

22.♗d6

22.♘xd5 ♕xc5 23.♘ce3 ♖d8 24.♖c1 ♕f8=

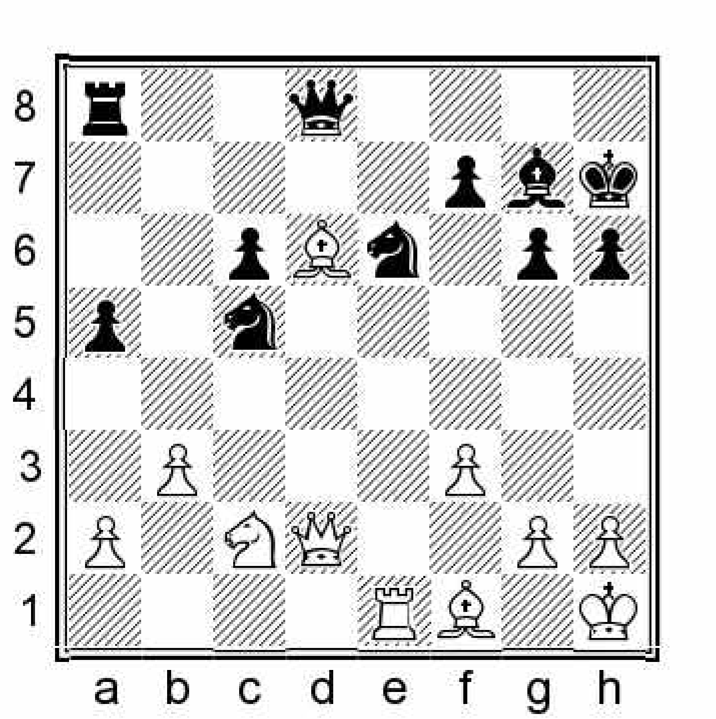
22...♕d8 23.♘xd5 ♘dxc5 24.♘e7+

24.♘ce3 ♗xd5 25.♘xd5 ♗d4 26.♗xc5 ♗xc5 27.♖d1 ♘d4 (27...♗f8 28.♕c2 ♗g7=) 28.♘c3 ♕f8 29.♘e4 b6=

24...♔h7 25.♘xc6?!

25.♘e3 ♕e8 26.b4 axb4 27.♕xb4 ♖a4 28.♕b1 ♕d8 29.♖d1 ♕a5 30.♘xc6 bxc6 31.♘c4 ♕c3=

25...bxc6 26.b3?



26.♖d1 ♘a4 27.♗a3 ♕xd2 28.♖xd2 ♗xb2 29.♗xb2 ♘xb2 30.♘e3 ♖b8∓

26...♖a7! 27.♗f4 ♖d7 28.♕e3

28.♕c1 ♗c3-+

28...♘d3 29.♗xd3 ♖xd3 30.♕e4 ♘xf4 31.♕xf4 ♖d2-+

31...♖d1 32.♕e3 (32.♕xf7 ♕d2-+) 32...♕d5 33.♘a3 ♕g5! 34.♕g1 ♖d2-+

32.♘e3 ♖xa2 33.♘c4 ♕d3 34.h3 ♕c2 35.♖g1 ♕xb3 36.♘e5 ♖a4 0-1

196. *** !N E94**
Nesterov, Arseniy (2531) - Basso, Pier Luigi (2583)
Bassano del Grappa 152/196, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘a6 8.♗e3 ♕e7 9.♕c2

9.dxe5 dxe5 10.♘d5 ♕d8 11.♕c2 c6 12.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 13.c5 ♘c7 14.♖fd1 ♕e7 15.h3 ♗e6 16.a4 ♖fd8 17.♕c3 a6N (17...♗g7 18.♕b4 ♖db8 19.♖d6 ♘e8 20.♖d2±) 18.♕b4 ♘e8 19.♕b6 ♕c7 20.♘g5?! (20.a5 ♕e7 (20...♕xb6 21.axb6±) 21.♖ac1±) 20...♕xb6 21.cxb6 ♗xg5 22.♗xg5 f6 23.♖xd8 ♖xd8

24.♗e3 ♘d6∞ Kantor,G (2587)-Dalaud,D (2293) Terme Catez 152/(196) 2022

9...exd4

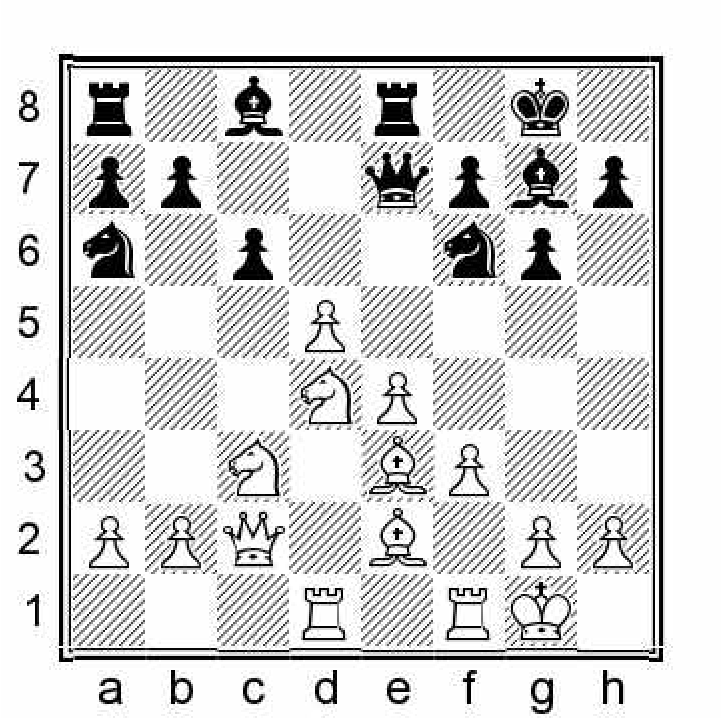
9...c6 - 62/603

10.♘xd4 c6 - 152/196

10...♘b4N 11.♕d2 ♘xe4 12.♘xe4 ♕xe4 13.♗f3 ♕h4 14.♘b5 ♘a6 15.♘xa7?! (15.♖ac1 h6 16.♖fd1 ♖d8 17.b4±) 15...♗e5 16.g3 ♕f6 17.♘xc8 ♕xf3 18.♘e7+ ♔h8 19.♘d5 c6 20.♘c3 ♘c5∞ Budisavljevic,L (2509)-Chatalbashev,B (2539) Zagnansk 152/(196) 2022

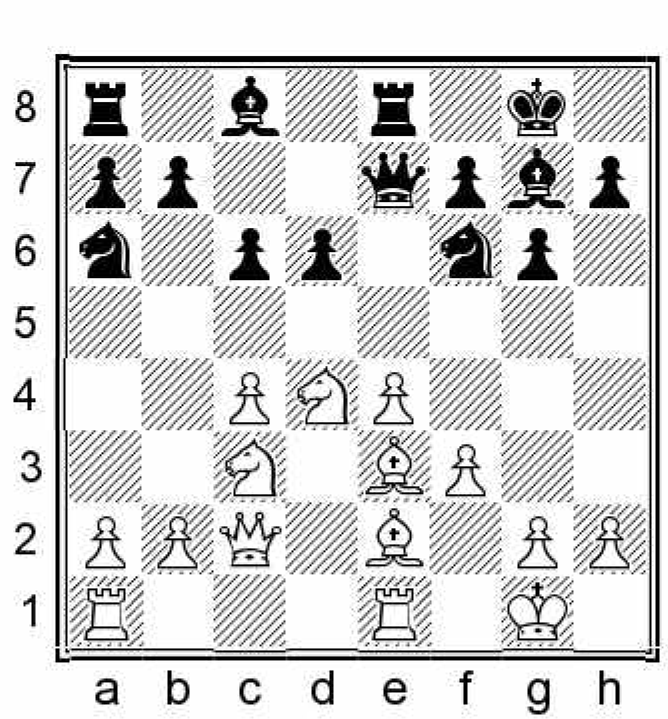
11.♖fe1

11.♖ad1 ♖e8 12.f3 d5 13.cxd5



13...♘b4! 14.♕d2 ♘bxd5 (14...♘fxd5?! 15.♗f2 ♘c7 16.a3 ♘ba6 17.f4±) 15.♗f2 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♘d7 17.♖fe1N (17.♕c2 ♘c5 18.a4 ♗d7 19.♖fe1 ♖ab8 20.♖a1 b6=) 17...♘c5 18.♗f1 ♕c7 19.e5 ♘e6= 20.f4 ♘xd4 21.♕xd4 (21.cxd4 ♗e6=) 21...♗e6 22.♗c4 1/2 (22) Yilmaz,M (2624) -Saric,I (2687) Terme Catez 152/(196) 2022

11...♖e8 12.f3



12...d5!N

12...♘c5

13.cxd5 ♘b4!N

13...cxd5 - 152/(196) 14.♗b5 ♗d7 15.exd5 ♕d6 16.♖ad1 ♘xd5 17.♘xd5 ♕xd5 18.♗c4 ♕a5 19.♕b3 ♗xd4 20.♗xf7+ ♔f8 21.♗xe8 ♖xe8 22.♔h1 ♗xe3 23.♖xe3 ♕b4 24.♕d3 ♘c7 25.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 26.♕d8 ♘e6 27.♕f6+ ♗f7 28.h3 ♕e7 29.♕h8+ ♗g8 30.♕e5 a6 31.♕b8+ ♔g7 32.♕e5+ ♔f8 33.♕b8+ ♔g7 34.a3 ♘f8 35.♖d4 ♗f7 36.♖e4 ♘e6 37.♕c8 h5 38.b4 1/ 2 (38) Atkins,A-Jones,C corr 152/(196) 2021

13...♘xd5 14.♘xd5 cxd5 15.♗xa6 bxa6 16.♘c6 ♕d7 17.♖ad1 ♗b7 18.exd5±

14.♕d2 - 152/196

14.♕b3N ♘bxd5 15.♗f2 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♘d7 17.a4 ♘c5 18.♕a3 ♗f8 19.a5 ♕f6 20.♕b2 h5 21.♖ad1 h4 22.♕c1 ♔h7 23.♗c4± Aronian,L (2765)-Rapport,R (2776) Warzsawa (blitz) 152/(196) 2022

14...♘bxd5

14...♘fxd5!? 15.♗f2 (15.♗h6 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♗xh6 17.♕xh6 c5 18.cxb4 cxd4 19.♕d2 ♖d8 20.♖ac1 ♗e6∞) 15...♘xc3 (15...♘c7 16.a3 ♘ba6 17.♖ad1±) 16.bxc3 c5 17.♘b3 ♖d8 18.♕c1 ♘c6 19.♘xc5 b6 20.♘b3 ♗e6 21.♕e3±

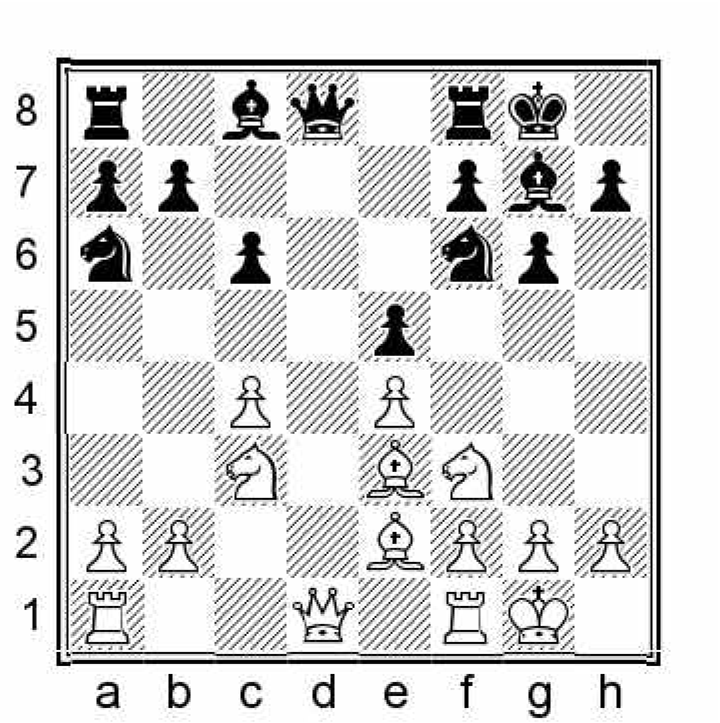
15.♗h6

15.exd5 ♕xe3+ 16.♕xe3 ♖xe3 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.♘xc6 ♗d7 19.♗b5 ♖xe1+ 20.♖xe1 ♔f8⩱; 15.♗f2 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 c5 17.♘c2 ♗e6=; 15.♘xd5 ♘xd5 16.♗f2 (16.♗h6 ♗xh6 17.♕xh6 ♕e5 18.♖ad1 ♘f4 19.♗c4 ♗e6=) 16...♘c7 17.♖ad1 ♘e6=

15...♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♗xh6 17.♕xh6 ♕c5= 18.♕d2 ♗e6 19.♕b2 ♖ab8= 20.♕b4 ♕e5 1/2-1/2

197. E94
Nguyen, Ngoc Truong Son (2641) - Priasmoro, Novendra (2501)
Ha Long 152/197, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘a6 8.♗e3 c6 9.dxe5 dxe5



10.c5!

10.♕xd8 - 141/197

10...♘g4 11.♗g5 f6 12.♗xa6 bxa6 13.♕b3+

13.♗d2

13...♔h8 14.♖ad1 ♕e7 15.♗c1 ♕xc5N

15...♗e6 16.♕a3 ♕b7 17.♘d2±

16.h3 ♘h6 17.♗e3 ♕e7 18.♕c4

18.♘a4 ♖e8 19.♕c2 f5 20.♖fe1 ♘f7 21.exf5 gxf5 22.♘c5±

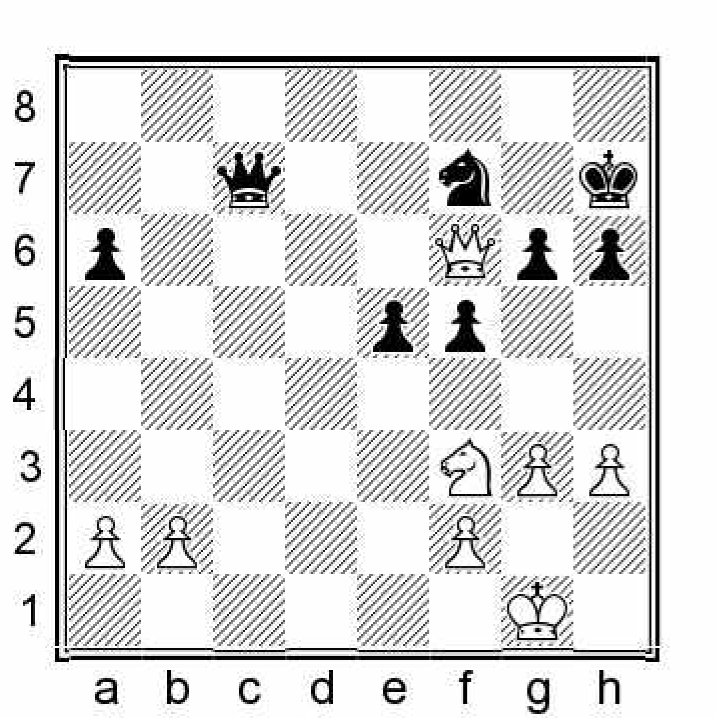
18...♖e8 19.♕xc6 ♗b7 20.♕a4 ♖ed8 21.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 22.♖d1

22.♘d2 f5 23.♕a5±

22...♖xd1+ 23.♕xd1 ♘f7 24.♗xa7 ♗xe4 25.♘xe4 ♕xa7 26.♕d5± h6 27.♕e6 ♕c7 28.g3 f5 29.♘f6

29.♘c3 ♔h7 30.♘d5 ♕c1+ 31.♔g2 e4 32.♘d4 ♘g5 33.♕d7±; 29.♘h4 fxe4 30.♘xg6+ ♔h7 31.♘e7 e3 32.♕xf7 exf2+ 33.♔xf2 ♕c2+ 34.♔f3 ♕d1+ 35.♔g2 ♕e2+ 36.♕f2±

29...♗xf6 30.♕xf6+ ♔h7



31.♘h4! ♘h8 32.♕xa6 f4 33.gxf4 ♕c1+ 34.♔g2 ♕xf4 35.♕b7+ ♘f7 36.♕f3

36.♘f3 e4 37.♘d2 ♕g5+ 38.♔f1+-

36...♕g5+ 37.♕g4 ♕f6 38.a4+- h5 39.♕f3 ♕e6 40.a5 ♘g5 41.♕g3 ♔h6 42.♔h2 e4 43.b4 ♕c6 44.♕e3 ♕c8 45.♔g2 ♕c4 46.b5

46.♘f5+ gxf5 47.h4

46...♕xb5 47.♕b6 ♕e8 48.♘f5+ ♔h7 49.♕c7+ 1-0

198. * E95
Anton Guijarro, David (2694) - Kadric, Denis (2573)
Terme Catez 152/198, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.♘c3 e5 4.♘f3 ♘bd7 5.e4 g6 6.♗e2 ♗g7 7.O-O O-O 8.♗e3 c6 9.d5 c5 10.♘d2 ♔h8

10...♘e8 - 52/645

11.♔h1 - 152/198

11.g4N ♘g8 12.♘f3 ♘b6! 13.h3 (13.♘e1 f5 14.f3 f4 15.♗f2 h5 16.h3 ♘h6 17.♔g2 ♗f6∓) 13...f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.exf5 ♗xf5 16.♘g5 ♗h6 17.♕d2 ♕d7 18.♔h1? (18.f3 ♗xh3 19.♖f2 ♘f6∓) 18...♗xg5 19.♗xg5 ♗xh3? (19...h6! 20.♗e3 (20.♗xh6 ♕h7! 21.♗xf8 ♖xf8 22.♕e3 ♗xh3-+; 20.♗h4 ♗xh3 21.♖g1 ♖f4 22.♗g3 ♘xc4-+) 20...♘xc4! 21.♗xc4 ♗d3! 22.♕xd3 ♕xh3+ 23.♔g1 ♕g4+ 24.♔h2 ♖f3-+) 20.♖g1 ♖xf2 21.♕e3∞ So,W (2778)-Tabatabaei,M (2623) Berlin (m/4-playoff-rapid) 152/(198) 2022

11...♘g8 12.g3 f5N

12...♘h6

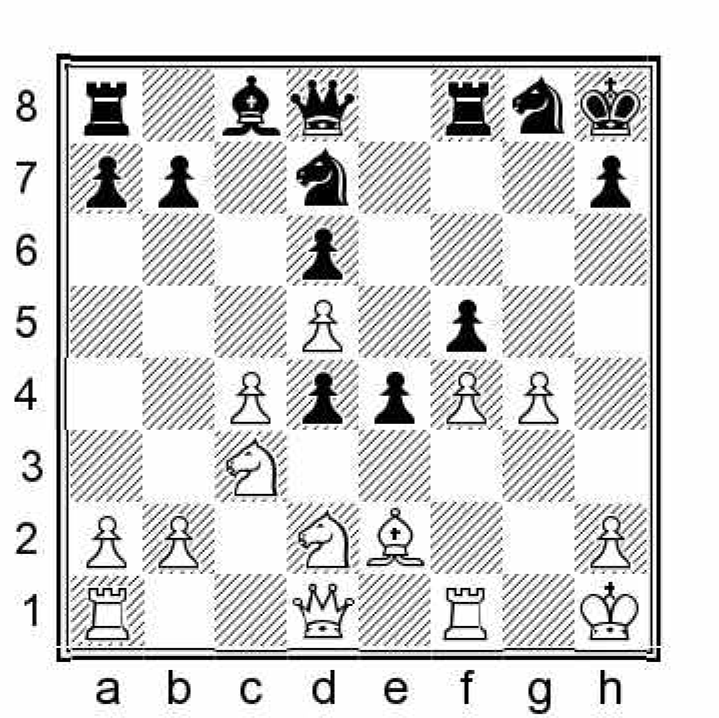
13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4 e4 15.g4

15.♖g1 ♗xc3! 16.bxc3 ♘df6 17.a4 ♘g4 18.♘f1 ♕f6∞

15...♗d4 16.♗xd4+

16.♗g1 fxg4 (16...a6 17.♖c1 ♕e7 18.g5 h6 19.♘b3 ♗xg1 20.♖xg1 hxg5 21.♖xg5 ♘df6∞) 17.♗xd4+ cxd4 18.♘cxe4 ♘df6 19.♘g5 ♕e7 20.♗d3 b5!∞

16...cxd4



17.♘cxe4! fxe4

17...d3 18.♗xd3 fxe4 19.♘xe4 ♘df6 20.g5 (20.♘f2 b5! 21.b3 bxc4 22.bxc4 ♕e7∞) 20...♘xe4 21.♗xe4 ♘e7 22.♗xh7 ♗f5 (22...♔xh7 23.♕h5+ ♔g7 (23...♔g8? 24.g6+-) 24.♕h6+ ♔f7 25.g6+ ♘xg6 26.♕h7+ ♔f6 27.f5 ♗xf5 28.♖ae1 ♕e8 29.♖e6+ ♕xe6 30.dxe6 ♖ae8∞) 23.♗xf5 ♘xf5 24.♖e1 ♕d7∞

18.♘xe4 ♘df6 19.♕xd4 ♖e8 20.♘c3 ♕b6

20...♖xe2 21.♘xe2 ♗xg4 22.♖ae1±

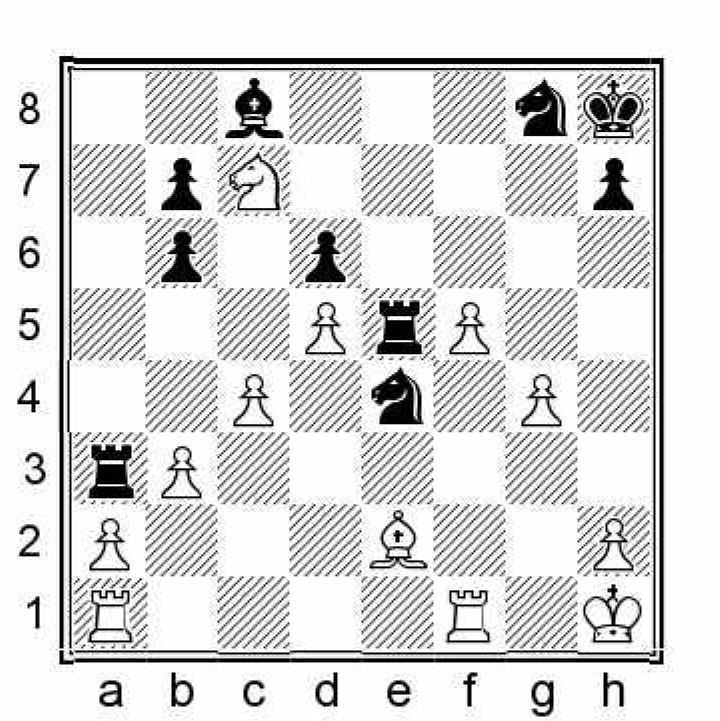
21.♕xb6 axb6 22.f5 ♘e4 23.♘b5

23.♘xe4 ♖xe4 24.f6□ ♖xe2 25.f7 ♗xg4 26.f8=♕ ♖xf8 27.♖xf8 ♔g7 28.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 29.♖g1 ♖e4 30.h3 ♖xc4 31.hxg4 ♔f7=

23...♖e5 24.♘c7 ♖a4

⌓24...♖b8 25.♖f4 (25.♖ae1 ♘gf6∓) 25...♗d7 26.♘e6 ♘gf6 27.♖g1 ♖g8∓

25.b3 ♖a3



26.♘b5

26.♗d3! ♘g5 (26...♘c5? 27.f6 ♘xf6 28.♖xf6+-) 27.♘b5 ♖a8 28.♘xd6±

26...♖a8 27.♘c7 ♖a5?!

27...♖b8 28.♔g2 ♘gf6 29.h3 ♗d7∞

28.♗d3 ♘gf6 29.♗xe4 ♘xe4

29...♖xe4? 30.g5+-

30.♔g2 ♔g8?

30...h5 31.h3 ♗d7 32.♖fe1 b5! 33.cxb5 ♗xb5! 34.b4 ♖a3 35.♘xb5 ♖g3+ 36.♔h2 hxg4 37.♘xd6 ♖xh3+ 38.♔g2 ♖g3+ 39.♔h2 ♖h3+=

31.♖fe1 ♖c5 32.♘b5+- ♖e8 33.♔f3 ♘g5+ 34.♔f4 ♖xe1 35.♖xe1 ♘f7 36.♖e8+ ♔g7 37.g5 1-0

199. E97
Kunin, Vitaly L (2561) - Saric, Ivan (2665)
Oesterreich 152/199, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♘f3 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♗g5 ♘d4

9...♕xd1 - 112/(314)

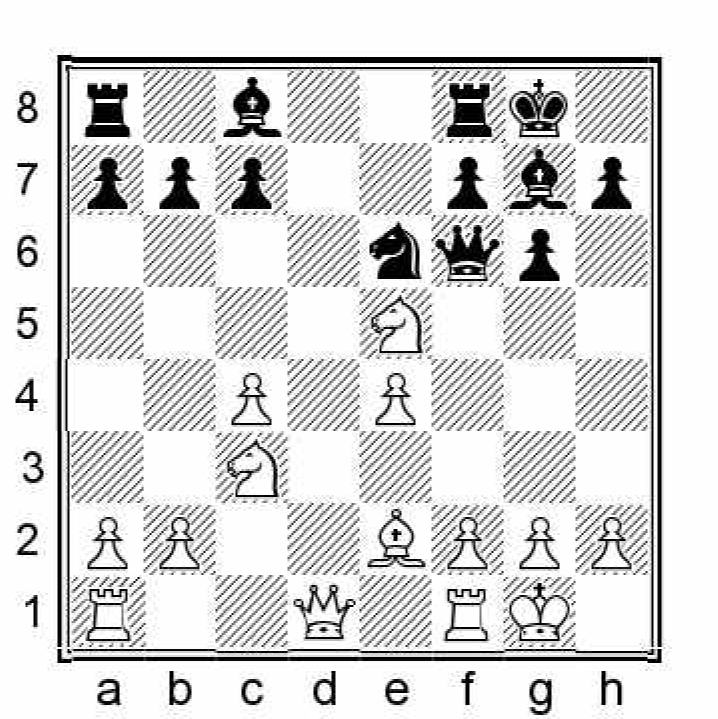
10.♘xe5

10.♘xd4 exd4 11.♘d5 c6 12.e5 (12.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 13.♗xf6 ♕xf6 14.c5 ♖d8 15.♗d3 ♕g5 16.♖c1 ♗h3 17.♕f3 ♗e6 18.a3 h5∞) 12...cxd5 13.♕xd4 dxc4 14.♕xd8 (14.♕h4 ♗e6 15.exf6 ♗h8 16.♖fd1 ♕b6

17.♖d2 ♖ad8∞) 14...♖xd8 15.exf6 h6 16.fxg7 hxg5 17.♗xc4 ♗f5 18.♖fd1 g4=

10...♘e6 11.♕xd8

11.♗h4 ♕xd1 12.♖axd1 ♘xe4 13.♘xe4 ♗xe5 14.♗e7 ♘d4 (14...♗xb2 15.♗xf8 ♔xf8=∞) 15.♗d3 (15.♖fe1 ♖e8 16.♘f6+ ♗xf6 17.♗xf6 ♖xe2 18.♗xd4 ♖xe1+ 19.♖xe1 ♗e6=) 15...f5! 16.♘c3 ♖f7 17.♗g5 (17.♗a3 ♗e6 18.♖fe1 ♗g7=) 17...♘e6=; 11.♗xf6 ♕xf6



12.♘f3!? (12.♘d3 ♕d4 (12...c6 13.e5 ♕e7 14.f4 ♖d8 15.♕e1 ♘d4 16.♖d1 ♗f5=∞) 13.♕a4 ♘g5∓) 12...c6 13.♖e1 ♘g5=∞

11...♖xd8 12.♘f3 ♘xg5 13.♘xg5 h6N

13...♖e8

14.♘f3 c6

14...♗g4 15.h3 ♗xf3 16.♗xf3 ♘d7 17.♖fd1 ♔f8=∞

15.♖ad1 ♖e8 16.♘d2 ♘d7=∞ 17.♖fe1 ♘c5 18.♖c1

18.♘b3 ♘xe4 (18...♗xc3 19.bxc3 ♘xe4 20.♗f3 ♗f5 21.♗xe4 ♗xe4 22.f3 ♗c2 23.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 24.♖d7 ♖e3=) 19.♗f3 ♘f6 20.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 21.♘a5 ♖b8∞; 18.f3 ♗d4+ 19.♔f1 ♗e5=∞

18...a5 19.♗f1?

19.♘b3 ♘xe4 (19...♘xb3 20.axb3 ♗xc3 21.bxc3 ♖xe4 22.f3 ♖e7 23.♔f2=) 20.♗f3 ♘f6 21.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 22.♘a4 ♗f5=

19...a4 20.g3 g5

20...♖d8 21.♘db1 (21.♖ed1 g5 22.♗e2 ♗e6∓) 21...g5∓

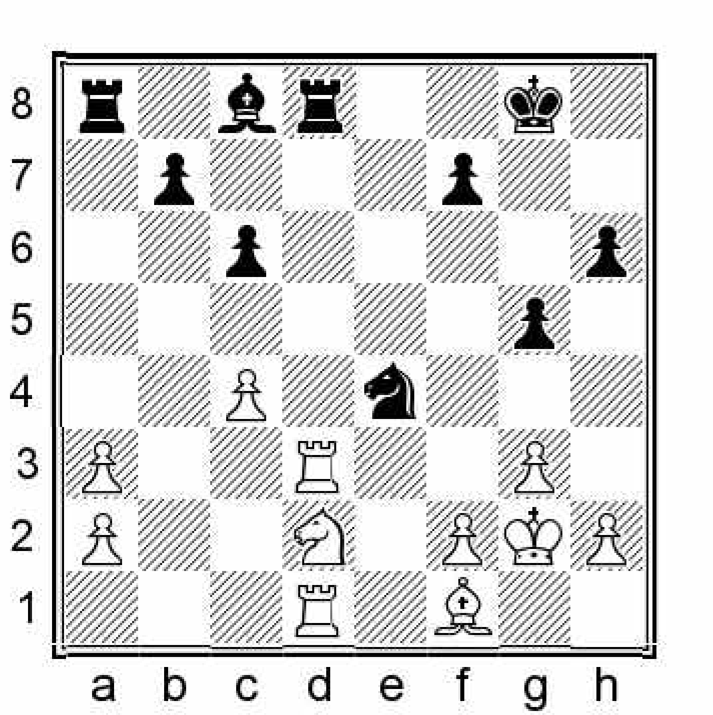
21.♔g2

21.h3 ♖d8 22.♘f3 g4 23.hxg4 ♗xg4 24.♔g2 a3 25.b3 h5∓

21...♖d8 22.♖ed1 a3 23.bxa3

23.b3?! ♗xc3 24.♖xc3 ♘xe4 25.♖d3 ♗h3+! 26.♔f3 ♗g4+ 27.♔xe4 ♗xd1-+

23...♗xc3 24.♖xc3 ♘xe4 25.♖d3



25...♗h3+! 26.♔g1

26.♔xh3 ♘xf2+-+; 26.♔f3 ♗g4+!-+

26...♖xd3 27.♗xd3 ♘c3 28.♖e1 ♖xa3 29.♗f1 ♗f5 30.c5 ♖xa2 31.♘c4 ♗e6

31...♘e4 32.♘d6 ♘xd6 33.cxd6 ♖d2 34.♖e7 ♖xd6 35.♖xb7 ♖d1-+

32.♘d6 ♖b2 33.f4 gxf4 34.gxf4 ♖b4

34...♘b5 35.♗xb5 (35.♗c4 ♗xc4 36.♘xc4 ♖c2 37.♘a5 ♘d4-+) 35...cxb5 36.♘xb7 b4-+; 34...♘a4! 35.♖c1 ♖b4 36.f5 ♗d5-+

35.f5 ♗d5 36.♗d3 h5?

36...♔g7 37.♘e8+ ♔f8 38.♘f6 h5! 39.♘xh5 (39.♖c1 ♖b3∓) 39...♖d4 40.♗f1 ♖g4+ 41.♔f2 ♘a4∓

37.h3?

37.f6! ♗e6 38.♖a1 ♖a4 (38...♖g4+ 39.♔f2 ♔h8 40.♖a8+ ♖g8 41.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 42.♘xb7 ♘d5 43.♗e4 ♘xf6=) 39.♖xa4 ♘xa4 40.♘xb7=

37...♔g7 38.♖e7 ♔f6 39.♖xb7 ♖xb7

39...♖d4 40.♗c2 ♘a4 41.♗xa4 ♖xa4-+

40.♘xb7 h4 41.♔f2 ♔e5 42.♔e3 ♘e4

42...♘d1+ 43.♔e2 ♔d4 44.♗c2 ♘e3-+

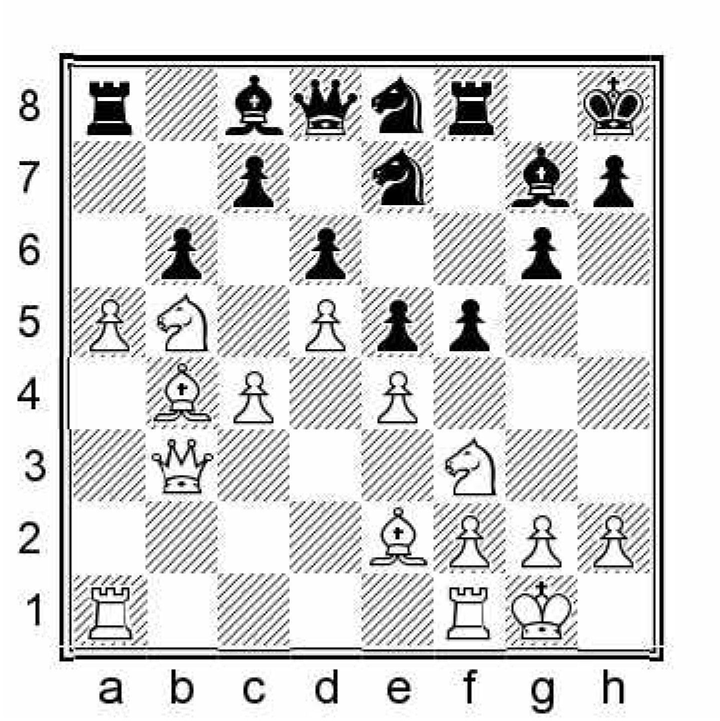
43.♗c2 f6 44.♗a4 ♘g3 45.♘a5 ♘xf5+ 46.♔f2 ♘d4-+ 47.♗d1 f5 48.♘b7 ♘e6 49.♗a4 f4 50.♘a5 ♘d4 51.♗d1 f3 52.♔e3 ♘f5+ 53.♔f2 ♔f4 54.♗a4 ♘g3 55.♗xc6 ♘e4+ 56.♔f1 ♗xc6 57.♘xc6 ♔e3 58.♘e5 ♘g3+ 59.♔g1 f2+ 0-1

200. !N E97
Babula, Vlastimil (2568) - Kozul, Zdenko (2619)
Deutschland 152/200, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.b4 a5 10.♗a3 axb4 11.♗xb4 b6 12.a4 ♘e8 13.♕b3 ♔h8 14.♘b5

14.a5 - 88/(485)

14...f5 15.a5



15...c6!N

15...bxa5 16.♖xa5 ♖xa5 17.♗xa5 fxe4 18.♘d2 ♘f5 19.♘xe4±

16.dxc6 ♘xc6 17.axb6 ♖xa1 18.♖xa1 fxe4 19.♘d2 ♗b7

⌓19...♘xb4 20.♕xb4 e3 21.fxe3 ♕xb6 22.♕a3 ♗h6 23.♘f1 ♗b7∓

20.♖f1?!

20.♘f1 ♘xb4 (20...♘d4 21.♕b2 ♕xb6 22.♘e3 ♗c6 23.♗f1 ♕b8 24.♕a3 ♘xb5 25.cxb5 ♗xb5

26.♗xb5 ♕xb5 27.♗xd6 ♘xd6 28.♕xd6 ♕b2 29.♖f1 ♕d4=) 21.♕xb4 ♕xb6 22.♘e3 h5 23.♕a5 ♕xa5 24.♖xa5 ♖f7∞

20...♘d4

20...♘xb4! 21.♕xb4 ♕xb6 22.♕c3 ♗c6 23.♘b3 h5∓

21.♘xd4 exd4 22.c5 d3

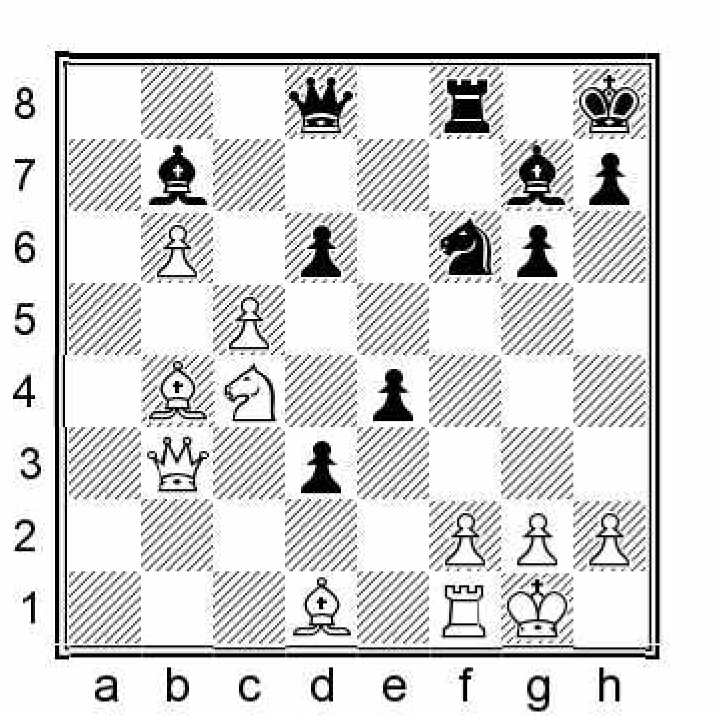
22...dxc5 23.♗xc5 ♖f5 24.♕c4 (24.♕a3 ♕d5 25.♖c1 d3 26.♗f1 ♗h6 27.♗e3 ♗xe3 28.fxe3 ♕a5 29.♕b2+ ♕e5∓) 24...♘d6 25.♕b4 e3 26.♗xd6 exd2 27.♖d1 ♕g5 28.♗g3 ♖xf2! 29.♗f1! (29.♔xf2 ♕e3+ 30.♔f1 ♗xg2+ 31.♔xg2 ♕xe2+-+) 29...♖f6 30.♖xd2 ♗f8 31.♕b2 ♗c5 32.♗f2 ♖xb6 33.♗xd4+ ♕f6 34.♔h1 ♗xd4 35.♕xd4=

23.♗d1 ♘f6?!

23...♕g5 24.c6! ♗xc6 25.♕c4 ♗d5 26.♕b5 ♗e5 27.g3 ♘f6 28.♗b3 ♗xb3 29.b7 ♖b8 30.♘xb3 ♕g4 31.♕c6 e3! 32.♕c7 exf2+ 33.♖xf2 ♖xb7 34.♕xb7 ♕d1+ 35.♖f1 ♕xb3=; 23...♗d4 24.♕c4 dxc5 25.♗xc5 ♗xc5 26.♕xc5 ♖f5 27.♕e3 ♘f6 28.f3 ♖b5 29.fxe4 ♕xb6 30.♕xb6 ♖xb6=

24.cxd6

24.♘c4



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24...♗d5 25.♕a3 ♕xb6 26.♗c5 ♕b7 27.♗b3

27.♗a4 e3 28.fxe3 ♗xg2 29.♖f2 ♗h3 30.♗d4 ♕d5∞

27...♖a8 28.♗xd5 ♕xd5

28...♘xd5 29.d7 ♗f6 30.d8=♕+ ♗xd8 31.♗d4+ ♗f6 32.♕c5 ♖c8 33.♗xf6+ ♘xf6 34.♕d4 ♕c6 35.♘xe4 ♕xe4 36.♕xf6+ ♔g8 37.♕d6=

29.♕b4 ♔g8 30.♖e1 ♖d8 31.h3 ♗f8 32.♕c3

32.♕d4 ♕xd4 33.♗xd4 ♘e8 34.♗c5 ♘xd6 35.♗xd6 ♗xd6 36.♘xe4=

32...♗xd6 33.♗d4 ♘h5

33...♗h2+ 34.♔xh2 ♕xd4 35.♕xd4 ♖xd4 36.f3 exf3 37.♘xf3 ♖d8 38.♔g3 ♘d5 39.♘d2 ♘c3 40.♖e7 ♘e2+ 41.♔f2=

34.♖xe4 ♘f4 35.♔f1 ♗b8 36.♗e3 ♘e2 37.♕c4 ♕xc4 38.♖xc4 ♗e5 39.g3 ♘c3 40.♘f3 ♗g7 41.♔e1 ♘d5 42.♔d2 ♖f8 43.♘d4

43.♘e1 ♘xe3 44.fxe3 ♖f1 45.♘xd3 ♖f3 46.♖c8+ ♔f7 47.♖c7+ ♔g8=

43...♘xe3 44.fxe3 ♗e5 45.g4 ♗xd4 46.exd4 ♖f3 47.d5 ♔f7 48.♖e4 ♖xh3 49.d6 ♖h2+ 50.♔xd3 ♖h1= 51.♔c4 ♖d1 52.♔c5 h6 53.♔c6 ♔f6 54.d7 ♖c1+ 55.♔b7 ♖d1 56.♔c7 ♖c1+ 57.♔d8 ♖d1 58.♔e8 h5 59.d8=♕+ ♖xd8+ 60.♔xd8 ♔g5! 61.gxh5 gxh5 62.♔e7 h4 63.♖xh4 ♔xh4 1/2-1/2

201. * E99
Yunusov, Adkham (2463) - Schaefer, Uwe (2460)
corr 152/201, 2022

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♘f3 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘e1 ♘d7 10.f3 f5 11.♘d3 ♘f6

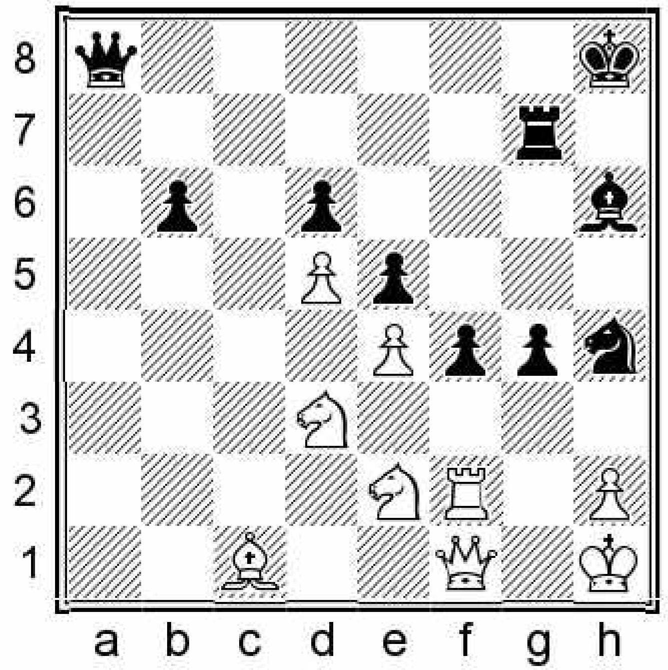
11...f4 12.b4 g5 13.a4 h5 14.c5 ♘f6 15.a5 - 11...Nf6 (15.♖a3 ♔h8 16.a5 ♖g8 17.b5 ♘g6 18.c6 g4 19.fxg4 ♗h6 20.♘f2 ♘h4=)

12.a4

12.c5

12...f4 13.b4 g5 14.c5 h5 15.a5

15.♘f2 ♔h8 16.a5 ♘g6 17.a6 (17.♔h1 ♗h6 (17...♖f7 18.♗d2 (18.a6 b6 19.♘b5 ♗h6 20.♗d2 ♖g7 21.♖a3 ♖h7 22.♗e1 ♗f8 23.cxb6 cxb6±) 18...♗h6 19.a6 b6 20.♘b5 ♖h7 21.♖a3 ♗f8 22.cxb6 cxb6 23.g3 ♗d7±) 18.a6 bxa6 19.♗xa6 g4 20.♘b5 ♕d7 21.♕e2 ♘h4 22.cxd6 cxd6 23.♗xc8 ♖fxc8 24.♘xd6 ♕xd6 25.♖a6 ♕f8 26.♗b2 ♗g7∞) 17...bxa6 18.♗xa6 (18.c6 - 150/200) 18...g4 19.♗xc8N (19.♔h1 ♘h4 20.♘b5 ♕d7=) 19...♕xc8 20.♘d3 (20.♔h1 ♘h4 21.♘d3 gxf3 22.gxf3 ♘h7 23.♘e2 ♗f6 24.♘g1±) 20...♗h6 21.♔h1 ♖g8 22.♖f2 ♘h4 23.♕f1 ♖g7 24.b5 gxf3 25.gxf3 ♘g4 26.fxg4 hxg4 27.♘e2 (27.♘e1 g3 28.hxg3 fxg3 29.♗xh6 g2+ 30.♘xg2 ♕h3+ 31.♔g1 ♖g3 32.♖aa2 ♖ag8 33.♘d1 ♖f3 34.♗c1 ♘xg2 35.♕xg2 ♖xg2+ 36.♖xg2 ♖g3 37.cxd6 cxd6 38.♗g5 ♖g4 39.♖f2±) 27...♕e8 28.b6 (28.cxd6 cxd6 29.b6=) 28...axb6 29.♖xa8 ♕xa8 30.cxb6 cxb6



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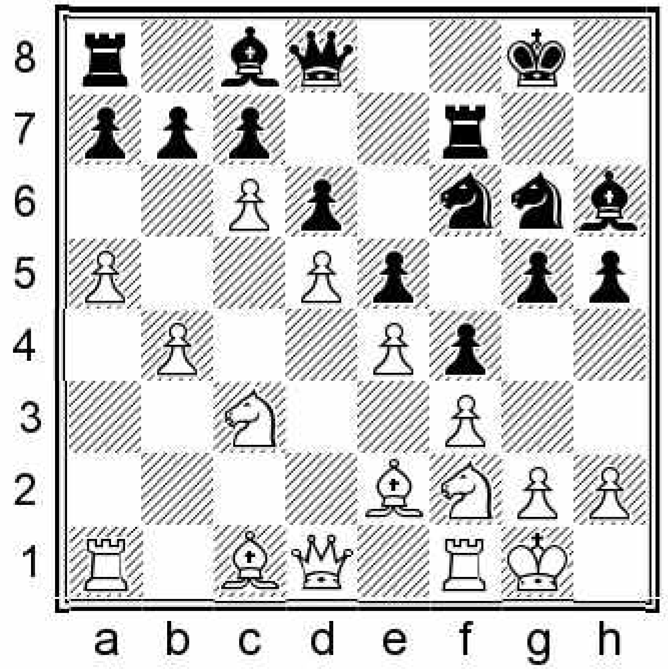
15...♘g6 16.♘f2 ♖f7 17.c6 ♗h6



17...♗f8 - 108/301

18.b5

18.♗d2 ♖g7 19.cxb7 ♗xb7 20.♖c1 ♗c8 21.h3 ♘h4 22.♘b5 a6 23.♘a3 ♕e8 24.b5∞

18...♖g7 19.♔h1 ♘e7N

19...♔h8 20.g4 fxg3 21.hxg3 bxc6 22.dxc6 ♗e6 23.♘d5 ♘f4 24.♗c4 ♘6xd5 25.♗xd5 ♕f6 (25...♕e7 26.♖a3±) 26.♖a2 g4 27.♘xg4 hxg4 28.♖h2 ♗xd5 29.exd5 ♔g8 30.fxg4 ♖f8 31.gxf4 ♗xf4±

20.g3± bxc6

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21.dxc6

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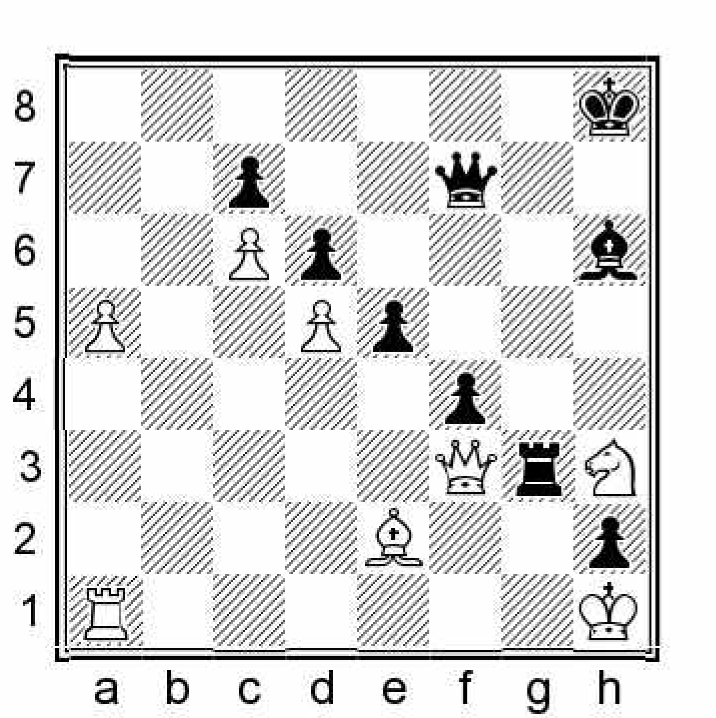
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I – Combinations with mating attack
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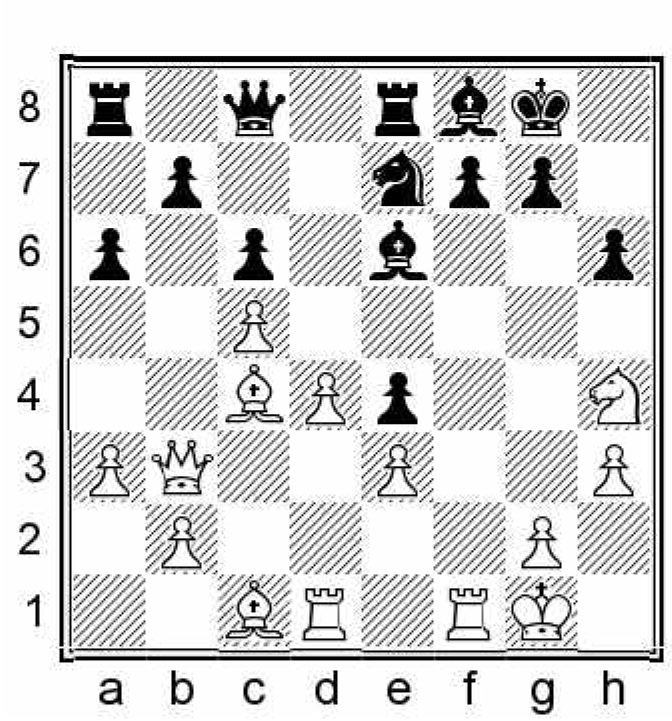

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7.♘f4 ♔h8 8.♕g6 ♗f8 9.b4 ♖e7 10.d5+-

7...♕d8 8.♘e5 ♖f8 9.♕g6+ ♔g8 10.♘f7+- ♕e8 11.♘xh6+ ♔h8 12.♘f7+ ♔g8 13.♖h5 ♖xf7

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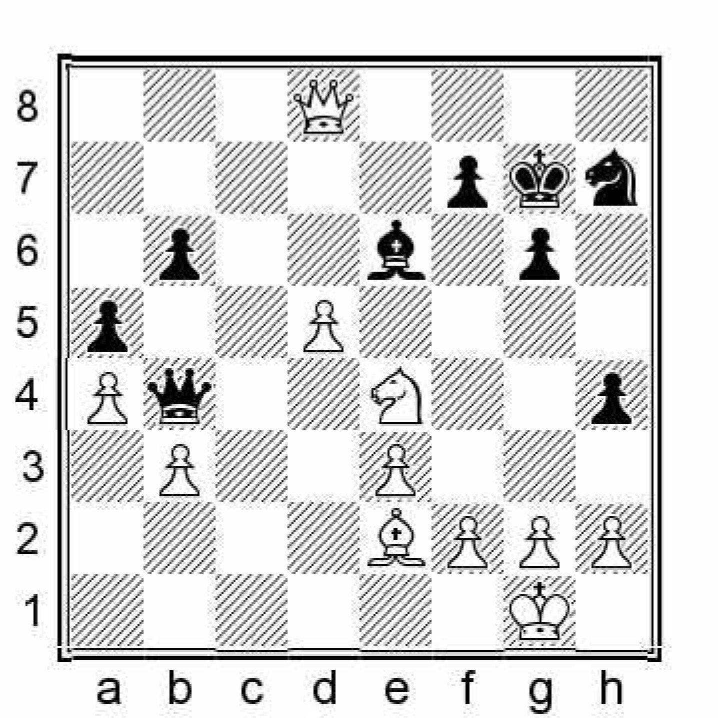

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2.♗xg4? ♕e1#; 2.♗f1 ♕xe4 3.♕xb6 ♕xd5∓

2...♕e1+ 3.♗f1 ♕xe3+ 4.♘f2 ♗xf3?

4...♘g5! 5.♕b8 ♗xf3 6.gxf3 h3 7.♕g3 ♘xf3+ 8.♔h1 ♕e1! 9.♕xh3 ♕xf2 10.♕g2 ♕e3 11.d6 ♘e5∓

5.d6?

5.gxf3! ♘g5 6.f4 ♘f3+ (6...♕xf4 7.♗e2 ♕c1+ 8.♘d1 ♘h3+ 9.♔g2 ♘f4+ 10.♔f2 ♘xe2 11.♔xe2 ♕c2+ 12.♔e1 ♕e4+ 13.♔d2 ♕d4+ 14.♔e2 ♕g4+=) 7.♔g2 ♘e1+ 8.♔g1 ♘f3+ 9.♔g2 ♘e1+ 10.♔g1 ♘f3+=

5...♘g5! 6.♕c8 h3!-+ 7.d7 hxg2 8.♗xg2 ♕e1+ 9.♗f1 ♗e2 10.♕c3+ ♕xc3 11.d8=♕ ♕e1 12.♕d4+ ♔g8 13.♕d8+ ♔h7

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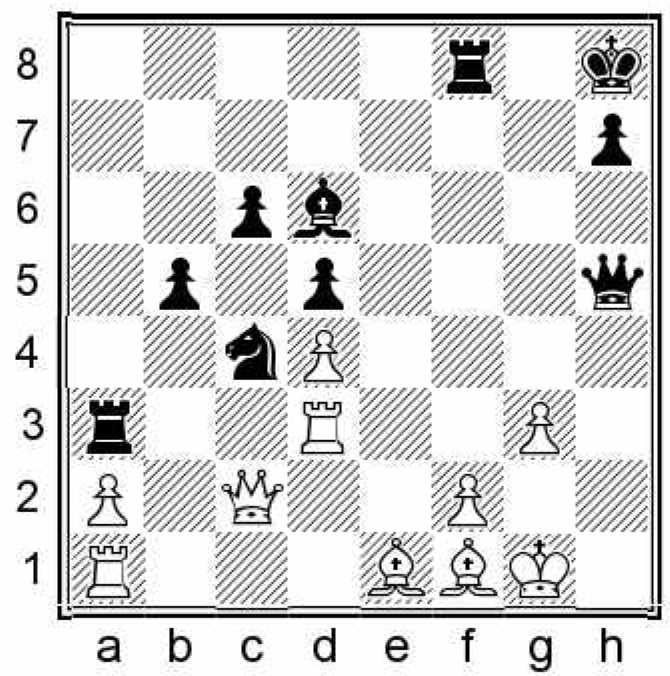

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2.♖xg3 ♖xg3+ 3.fxg3 ♖xf1+! 4.♔xf1 ♘e3+-+

2...♖xf1+! 3.♔xf1 ♕h1+ 4.♔e2 ♕e4+ 5.♔f1 ♖xd3-+ 6.♕e2

6.♔g1 ♕xd4+ 7.♔h1 ♕xa1-+

6...♕h1+ 7.♔f2 ♕h2+ 8.♔f1 ♘e3+ 0-1

4. Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2723) - Le, Quang Liem (2709)
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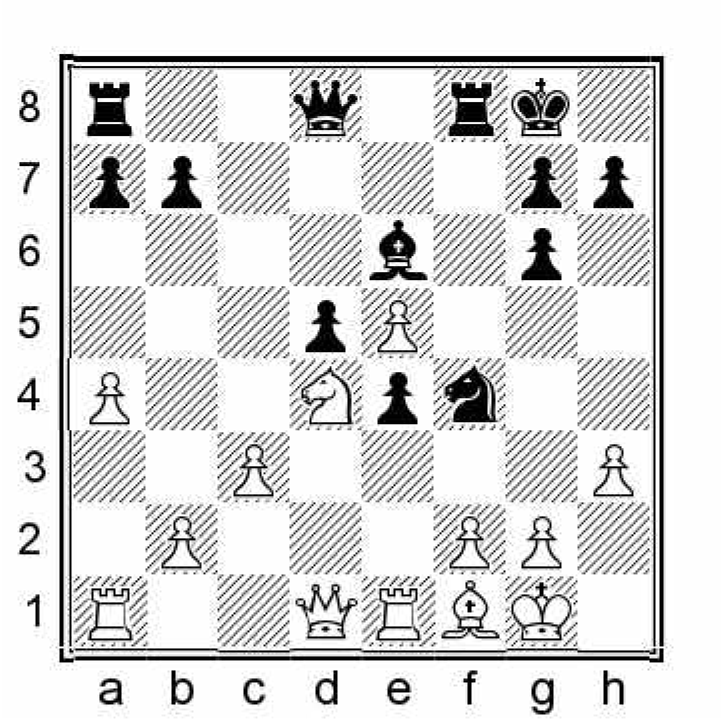

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4.♘xe6 ♕g3-+

4...♖af8

4...♗g4? 5.♕c1 ♕xc1 6.♖xc1 ♗xe2 7.♗xe2 ♖e8 8.♔g1 ♖f4 9.e6±

5.♖xf2 ♖xf2 6.♕e1 e3-+

6...♕g3 7.♕xf2 ♕xf2 8.♘xe6 ♕g3 9.♘d4 ♕xe5∓

7.♘xe6 ♕g3 8.♕xf2 exf2 9.♗g2 ♕xe5 10.♖f1 ♕xe6 11.♖xf2 h5 12.♖f1 ♔h7 13.a5 ♕e2 14.b4 b6 15.axb6 axb6 16.♖f3 ♔h6 17.♔h2 ♕e5+ 18.♔h1 d4 19.cxd4 ♕xd4 20.b5 ♕d5 21.♖c3 ♕xb5 22.♖c6 ♕b4 23.♗f3 b5 24.♔g2 ♔g5 25.♖e6 ♕c3 26.♖e4 ♔f5 27.h4 g5 28.hxg5 ♔xg5 29.♖e7 b4 30.♖b7 ♔h4 31.♖e7 g5 0-1

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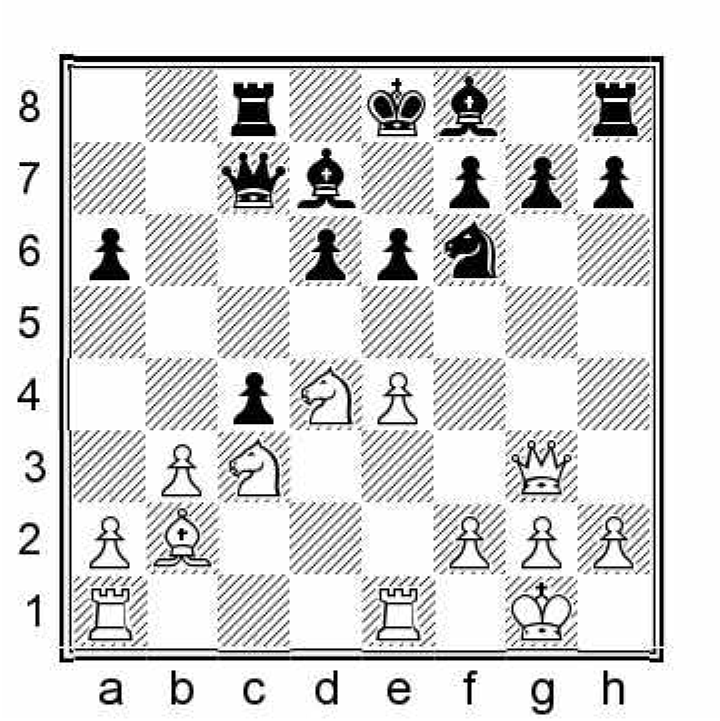

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1.♘f5!

1.♘d5 exd5 2.exd5+ ♔d8 3.♗c3 h6∞ (3...cxb3?! 4.♘c6+ ♗xc6 5.dxc6 b2 6.♕e3 ♕xc6 7.♗a5+ ♖c7 8.♖ab1 ♕c5 9.♗xc7+ ♔xc7 10.♕b3±)

1...exf5 2.♘d5 ♕a5

2...♘xd5 3.exd5+ ♗e6 (3...♔d8 4.♕g5++-) 4.bxc4+-

3.♘xf6+ ♔d8

3...gxf6 4.exf5+ ♔d8 5.♗xf6+ ♔c7 6.♗xh8+-

4.bxc4+-

4.♘d5 f6 5.♗c3+-

4...f4 5.♕xf4 ♗e7 6.♘xd7 ♔xd7 7.e5 1-0

6. Blagojevic, Tijana (2260) - Radosavljevic, Slobodan (2083)
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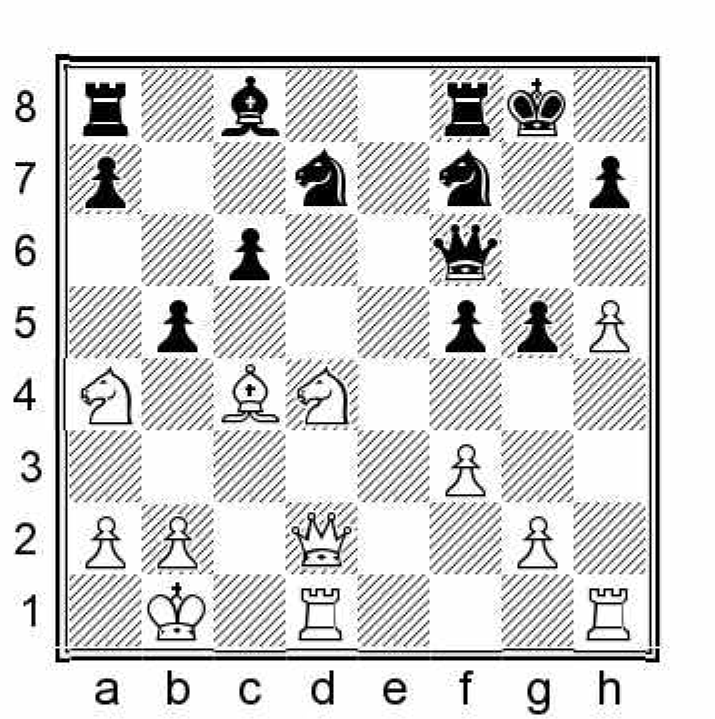

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1.♖he1!±

1.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 2.♖he1 (2.♘c3 ♘b6∓) 2...bxa4 3.♖e6 ♕g7 4.h6 ♕f8 5.♘xc6 ♗b7 6.♕xg5+ ♔h8 7.♘e7 ♘c5 8.♖e5 f4∞

1...♘e5

1...bxc4 2.♖e6 ♕d8 (2...♕h8 3.♘xf5+-) 3.♘xc6 ♕c7 4.♘c3 ♕f4 5.♕c2 ♘de5 6.♘d5 ♕h4 7.♕xf5+-

2.♗xf7+ ♘xf7

2...♖xf7 3.♘c5 f4 4.♘e4 ♗f5 5.♘xf5 ♕xf5 6.♕c3±

3.♘c5 ♖d8 4.♕c3 a5 5.♘ce6 ♗xe6 6.♖xe6 ♖xd4 7.♖xf6 ♖xd1+ 8.♔c2+- ♖ad8 9.h6 b4 10.♖g6+! ♔f8 11.♕g7+

11.♕g7+ ♔e7 12.♕f6+ ♔f8 13.♖g8+! ♔xg8 14.♕g7#

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7. Kovalenko, Igor (2674) - Matlakov, Maxim (2674)
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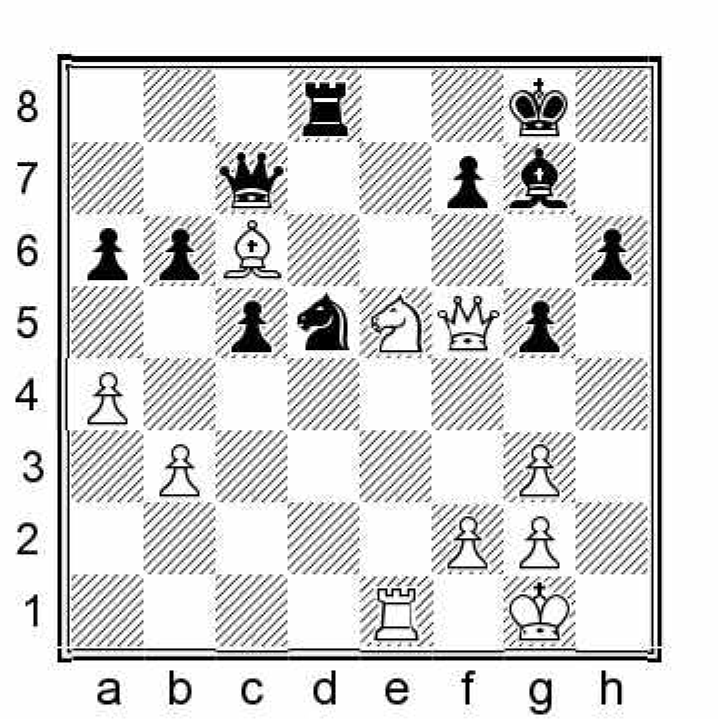

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1.♘xf7!

1.♖d1 ♕xe5 2.♕xe5 ♗xe5 3.♖xd5 ♖xd5 4.♗xd5 b5 5.axb5 axb5 6.♔f1=

1...♕xf7 2.♖e8+!+- ♖xe8 3.♗xd5 ♕xd5 4.♕xd5+ ♔h8 5.♕c6 ♖e1+ 6.♔h2 ♖e2 7.♕xb6 ♖xf2 8.♕xa6 g4 9.♕c8+ ♔h7 10.♕xc5 1-0

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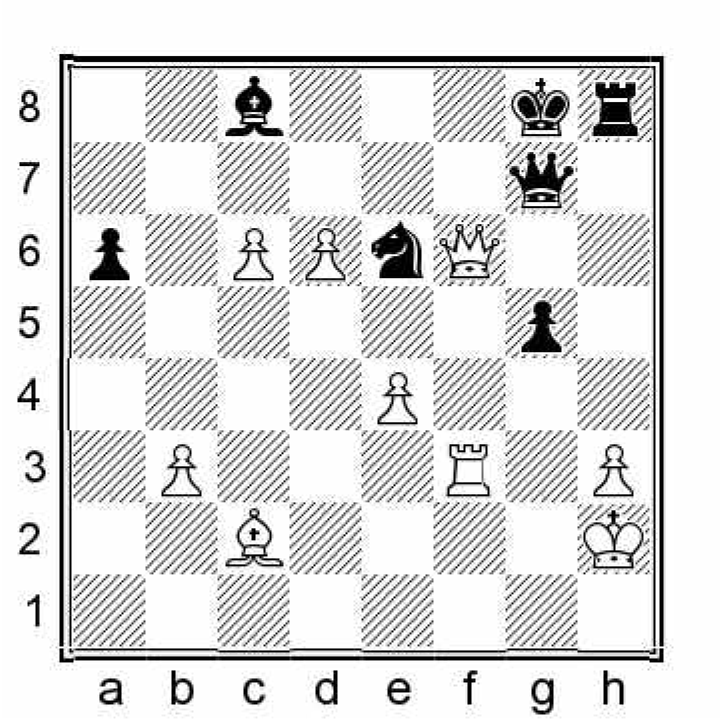

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1...♘d4? 2.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 3.♖c3 ♘xc2 4.♖xc2 ♖xh3+ 5.♔g2 ♖d3 6.d7 ♗xd7 7.cxd7 ♖xd7=

2.♔g2

2.♔xh3 ♘f4+-+

2...♖xf3 3.♕xg7+

3.♕xf3 ♘f4+ 4.♔f1 ♗h3+ 5.♔e1 ♕a1+ 6.♔d2 ♕d4+-+

3...♔xg7 4.♔xf3 ♘d4+-+ 5.♔g3 ♘xc6 0-1

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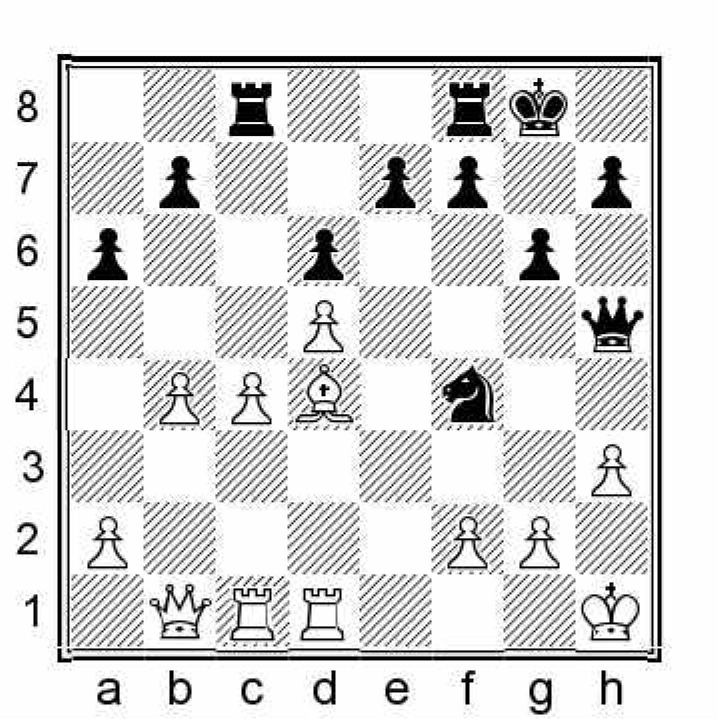

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2.♖xc4 ♕xd5-+

2...♖xc1

2...♘xd5-+

3.♖xc1 ♘xd5 4.♗a1 ♕f5 5.♕d4 f6 6.♖d1 ♘f4

6...♖c8 7.a4 ♖c2-+

7.♕e3 e5 8.♖xd6 ♕b1+ 9.♔h2 ♕xa2

9...♕xa1? 10.♕b3+ ♔h8 11.♖d1 ♕xd1 12.♕xd1±

10.♗c3 ♕c4 11.♗d2 ♕c7 12.♕c5 ♕xc5 13.bxc5 ♖c8 14.♗e3 ♖c7 15.♖xf6 ♖c6 16.♖xc6 bxc6 17.♔g3 ♘d5

17...a5 18.♔f3 ♔f7 19.g3 ♘d5-+

18.♗d2 ♔f7 19.♔h4 ♘f4 20.♗c3 ♔f6 21.g3 ♘e2 22.♗a5 ♘d4 23.g4 ♘b3 24.♗b4 a5 25.♗c3 a4 26.f4 a3 27.fxe5+ ♔e6 28.♔g5 ♘xc5 29.♔h6 ♘e4 30.♗a1 c5 31.h4 c4 0-1

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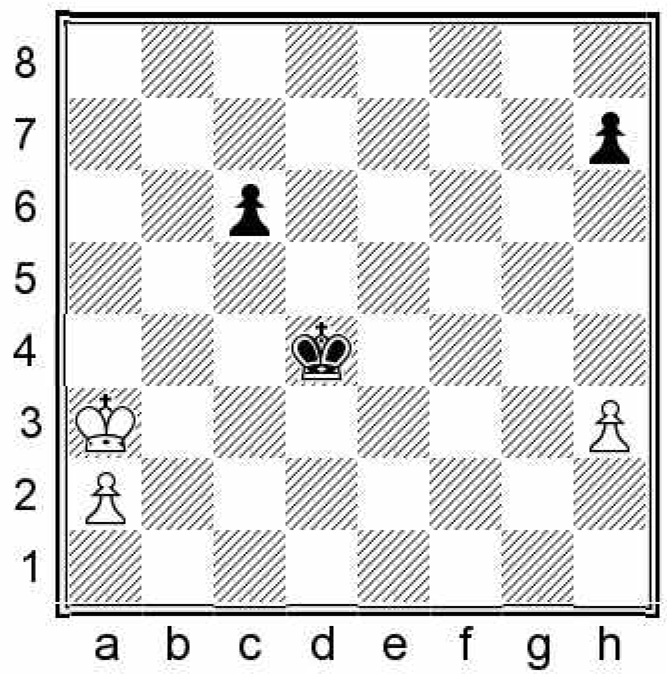

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1...♔c3!!

1...c5? 2.♔b2 ♔d3 3.♔c1=

2.♔a4 h5 3.♔a5 c5-+ 4.♔b5 c4 5.a4 ♔d4!

5...♔d3? 6.a5 c3 7.a6 c2 8.a7 c1=♕ 9.a8=♕ ♕b1+ (9...♕c4+ 10.♔b6=) 10.♔c5=

6.a5 c3 7.a6 c2 8.a7 c1=♕ 9.a8=♕ ♕c4+

9...♕b2+ 10.♔a6 ♕a3+-+ - 9...Qc4

10.♔b6 ♕c5+ 11.♔a6

11.♔b7 ♕d5+-+

11...♕a3+ 12.♔b7 ♕xa8+ 13.♔xa8 ♔e4 14.♔b7 ♔f4 15.♔c6 ♔g3 0-1

2. Thybo, Jesper Sondergaard (2590) - Ragger, Markus (2647)
Deutschland, 2022

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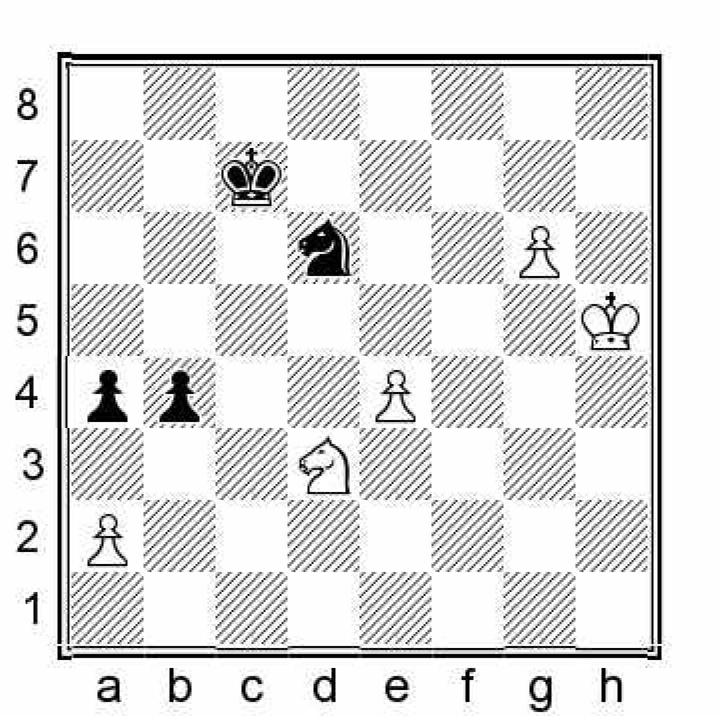

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2...a3!

2...axb3 3.g7 ♘e8 4.♔g6+-

3.♘b4 ♘xe4 4.g7 ♘f6+ 5.♔g6 ♘g8 6.♔f7 ♘h6+ 7.♔g6 ♘g8 8.♔f7 ♘h6+ 9.♔e6 ♘g8 10.♘d5+ ♔c6 11.♘c3 ♔c5 12.♘a2 ♘h6 13.♔d7 ♔b6

13...♘g8 14.b4+ ♔c4=

14.b4 ♔b5 15.♔c7 ♘g8 16.♔d6 ♘h6

16...♔c4 17.♔e5 ♘e7=

17.♔e6 ♔c4 18.♔e5 ♔b5 19.♔e4

19.♔d5 - 19.Ke4

19...♔c4 20.♔f4 ♔b5 21.♔g5 ♘g8 22.♔g6 ♔c4 23.♔f7 ♘h6+ 24.♔e6 ♔b5 25.♔d7 ♘g8 26.♔d6 ♘h6 27.♔e5 ♔c4 28.♔e6 ♔b5 29.♔d5 ♘f5!

29...♘g8? 30.♔d4 ♔c6 31.♔c4+-

30.g8=♘ ♘e3+ 31.♔d4 ♘c2+ 32.♔c3 ♘xb4 33.♘xb4 a2 34.♘xa2 ♔c5 35.♘f6 ♔d6 1/2-1/2

3. Estrada Nieto, Julian (2253) - Flores Irurso, Paul Josue (1912)
Mexico City, 2022
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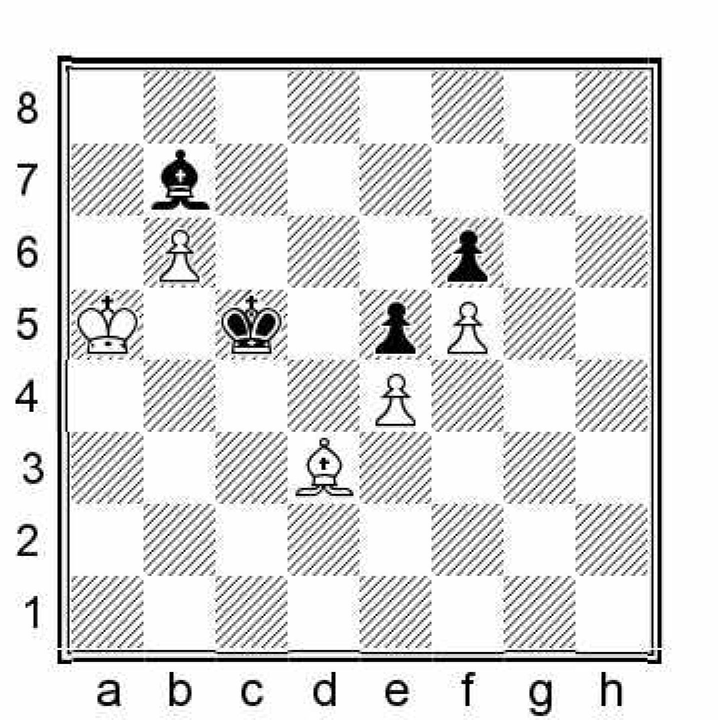

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1.♗b1!

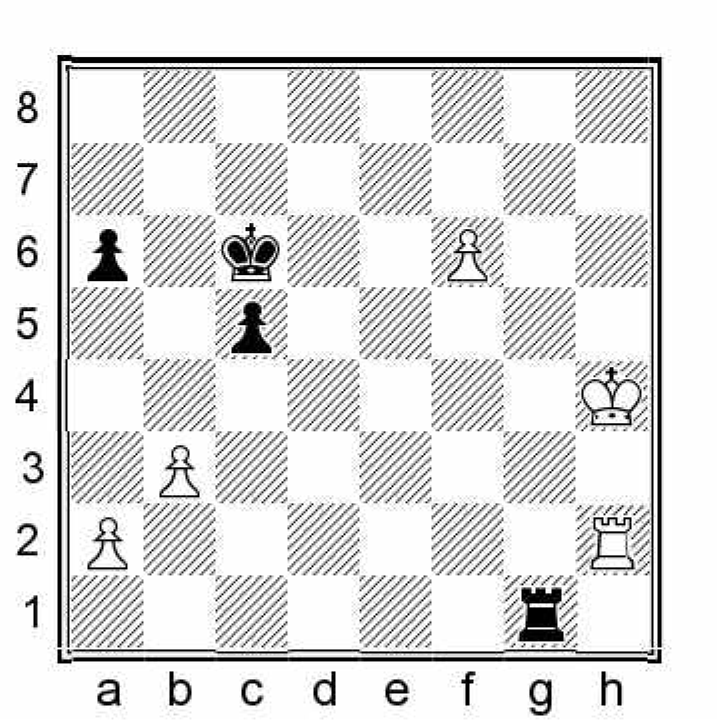
1.♗c2 ♔c4 2.♗b1 ♔c5=

1...♗c8

1...♔c4 2.♗a2+ ♔c5 3.♗d5+-; 1...♔d4 2.♔b5 ♔c3 3.♔c5 ♔b2 4.♗d3 ♔c3 5.♗c4 ♗xe4 6.♗d5+-

2.♗a2 ♗b7 3.♗d5+- ♗xd5 4.exd5 ♔xd5 5.b7 ♔e4 6.b8=♕ ♔xf5 7.♔b4 ♔f4 8.♔c3 1-0

4. Kaczur, Florian (2475) - Lodici, Lorenzo (2545)
Italia, 2022
♖ 6/b



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1...♔d7! 2.♖e2

2.♖f2 ♔e8 3.♖f5 ♖g6 4.♖xc5 ♖xf6=

2...♖g6! 3.♖e7+ ♔d6 4.♖a7 ♖xf6 5.♖xa6+ ♔e5 6.♖xf6 ♔xf6 7.♔g4 ♔e5 8.a4 ♔d5= 9.♔f3 c4 10.bxc4+

10.b4 c3 11.♔e2 ♔c4 12.b5 ♔b3 13.b6 c2 14.b7 c1=♕ 15.b8=♕+ ♔xa4=

10...♔xc4 11.a5 ♔b5 12.♔f2 ♔xa5 1/2-1/2

5. Shomoev, Anton (2578) - Maiorov, Nikita (2456)
Chelyabinsk, 2022
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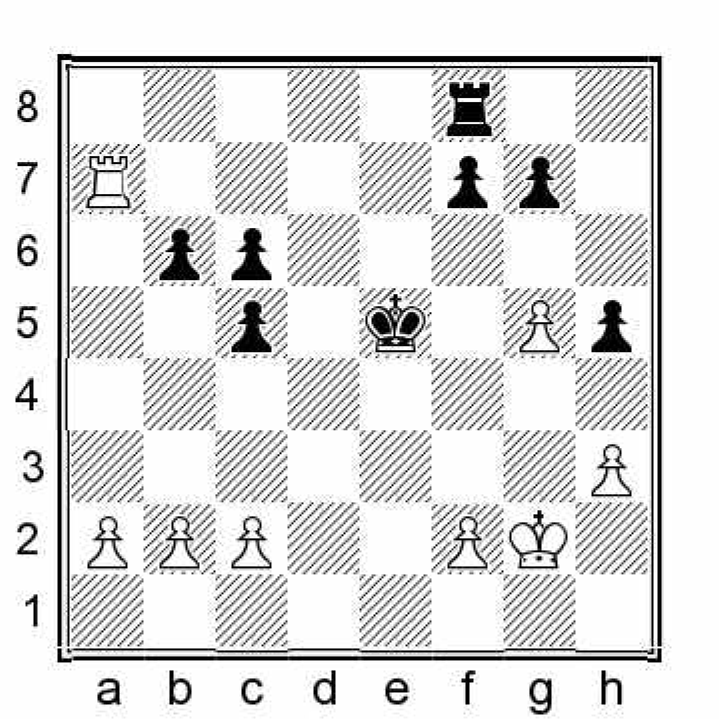

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1.a4!

1.♖a6 ♖b8 2.♖a7! (2.♔g3? ♖b7=) 2...♖f8 3.a4 - 1.a4

1...♔e6 2.♖b7 b5 3.axb5 cxb5 4.♖xb5+- ♖c8 5.♔f3 f6 6.♔f4 ♔f7 7.gxf6 ♔xf6 8.♖b6+ ♔f7 9.♔f5 ♖c7 10.b3

10.f4 ♖d7 11.♖c6 ♖d5+ 12.♔e4 ♖d4+ 13.♔e5+-

10...c4 11.b4 c3 12.f4 h4 13.♔g5 ♖e7 14.♖c6 ♖e3 15.♖c7+ ♔g8 16.b5 ♔h7 17.b6 ♖e6 18.b7 ♖b6 19.♔xh4 ♖b2 20.♔g5 ♖xc2 1-0

6. Shubin, Kirill (2472) - Artemiev, Vladislav (2700)
Russia, 2022
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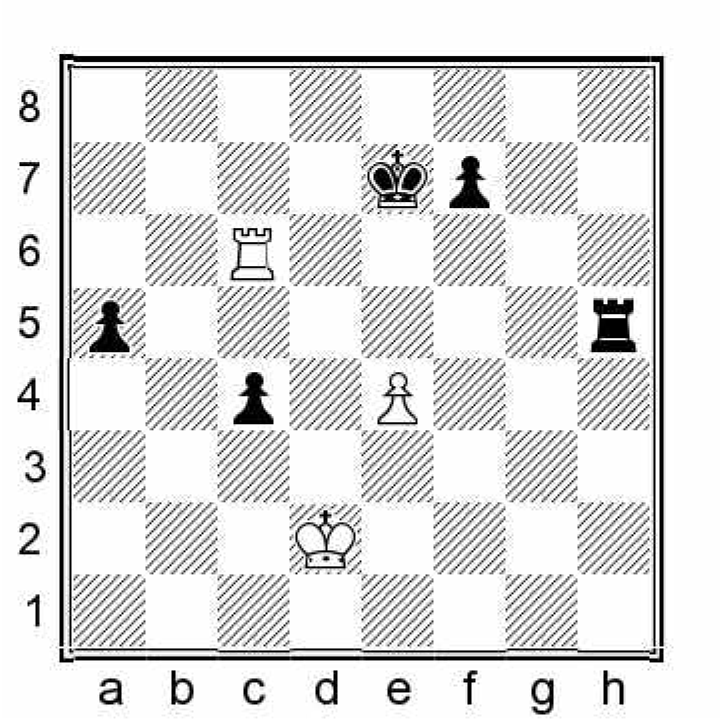

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1...a4! 2.♖xc4

2.♖a6 ♖e5! 3.♔e3 c3 4.♖xa4 ♖c5 5.♖a1 ♔e6 6.♖c1 c2 7.♔d2 ♔e5-+

2...♖a5 3.♔c2 ♔d6 4.♔b2 a3+ 5.♔a2 ♖a7 6.♖d4+ ♔e5 7.♖c4 f6 8.♖b4 ♖a6 9.♖c4 ♔f4 10.♖b4 ♔f3 11.♖d4 ♔e3 12.♖c4 ♖e6-+ 13.♖c3+ ♔xe4 14.♔xa3 ♖b6 15.♖c4+ ♔e3 16.♖c3+ ♔d4 17.♖f3 ♔e4 18.♖f1 f5 19.♖e1+ ♔d3 20.♖f1 ♖f6 21.♔b2 f4 0-1

7. Quesada Perez, Yasser (2579) - Albornoz Cabrera, Carlos Daniel (2574)
La Habana, 2022
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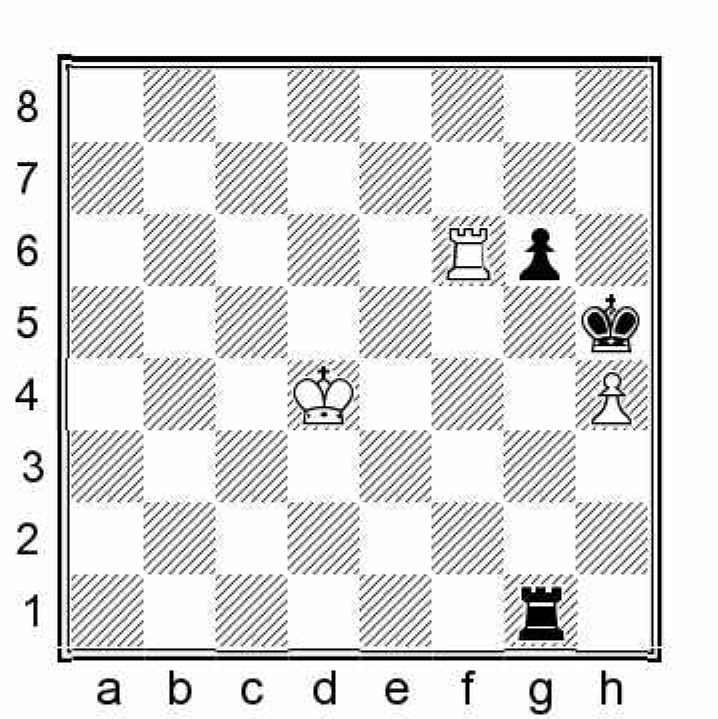

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1...♔xh4? 2.♔e3! g5 3.♔f2 ♖c1 4.♖b6=

2.♖f8 ♔xh4 3.♔e4 g5 4.♖g8 ♔g4 5.♖g7 ♖a3 6.♖g8 ♔h4 7.♔f5 ♖f3+ 8.♔e4 g4 9.♖g7 ♔h3 10.♖g8 ♖f2

10...♖a3 11.♔f4 g3-+

11.♔e3 g3 12.♖g7 ♔h2 13.♖g8 ♖f7 14.♔e2 g2 15.♖h8+ ♔g1 16.♖a8 ♖h7 17.♔f3 ♔h1 0-1

8. Gupta, Abhijeet (2616) - Jarmula, Lukasz (2434)
Reykjavik, 2022
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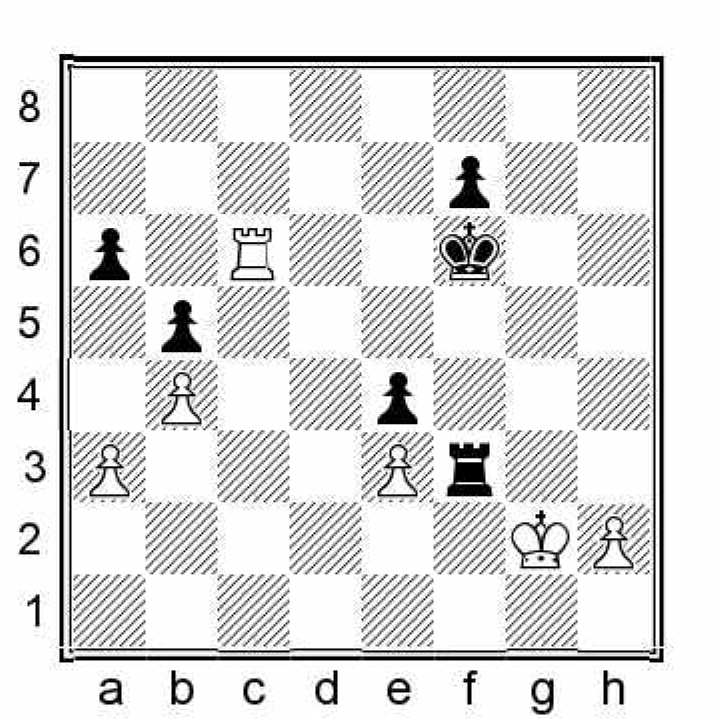

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1...♔g5!

1...♔f5? 2.♖xa6 ♖xe3 3.h4! ♔g4 4.♖f6 ♖f3 5.♖xf3 exf3+ 6.♔f2 ♔xh4 7.♔xf3 ♔g5 8.a4 bxa4 9.b5 a3 10.b6 a2 11.b7 a1=♕ 12.b8=♕=

2.♖xa6

2.♖c7 ♔g4 (2...f5? 3.♖g7+ ♔h4 (3...♔f6? 4.♖g3! ♖xg3+ 5.♔xg3+-) 4.♖h7+ ♔g5 5.♖g7+ ♔h4=) 3.♖d7 ♖xe3 4.♖xf7 ♖xa3-+

2...f5

2...♖xe3 3.♖a5 f5 4.♖xb5 ♖xa3-+ - 2.. .f5

3.♖b6 ♖xe3 4.♖xb5 ♖xa3-+ 5.♖b8 ♖a2+ 6.♔h3 ♔f4 7.b5 ♔f3 8.b6 ♖b2 9.♔h4 f4 0-1

9. L'Ami, Erwin - Zhu, Jiner (2478)
Wijk aan Zee II, 2022
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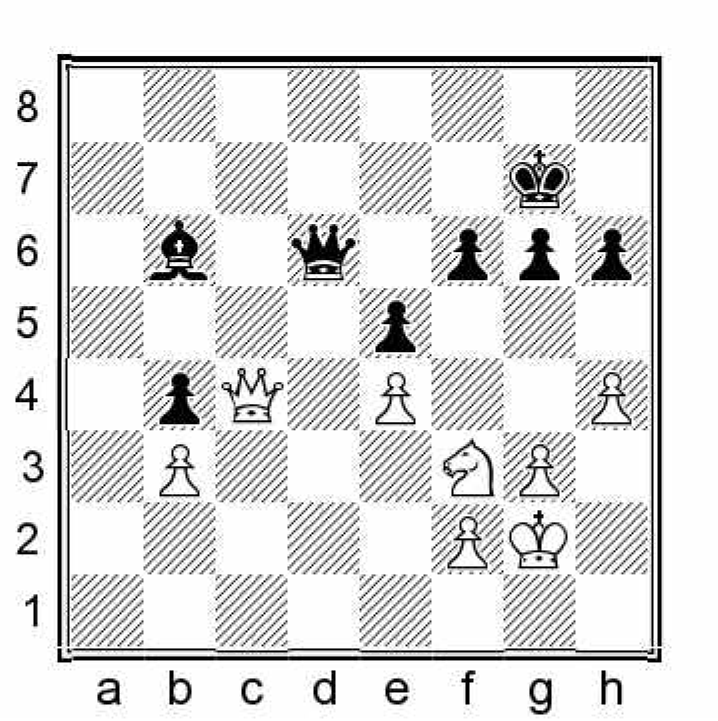

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1.h5!

1.♕e2 h5!=

1...♕c5

1...gxh5 2.♘h4 ♕c5 3.♘f5+ ♔f8 4.♕e2+-

2.♕e2 g5 3.♘h2+- f5

3...♗a7 4.♘f1 ♕c6 5.g4 ♗b6 6.♘g3 ♔g8 7.♕d1 ♗d4 8.♕d3+-

4.exf5 ♕d5+ 5.f3 ♕d4 6.♔h3 ♕a1 7.♕c4 1-0

TOURNAMENTS

KANPUR, II–III 2022
The Indian Chess Championship
(184 players, 11 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—3. Erigaisi Arjun, Gukesh Dommaraju, P. Iniyan 8½, 4—10. Ch. Aravindh, Aryan Chopra, Koustav Chatterjee, Mur. Karthikeyan, Visakh N. R., S. P. Sethuraman, Ve. Pranav 8, 11—19. Mitrabha, Ab. Gupta, D. Sengupta, Harsha Bharathakoti, Say. Das, S. Dh. Swapnil, Mohammad Nubairshah Shaikh, Vignesh N. R., Shahil Dey 7½, 20—32. Adhiban, Teja S. Ravi, Aditya Mittal (35042025), Aronyak Ghosh, Sammed Jaykumar, Anuj Shrivatri, Shyaamnikhil P., Harshavardhan G. B., H. Gusain, Ayushh Ravikumar, Sai Agni Jeevitesh, Kr. Saravana, Jha Sriram 7, etc.

CATTOLICA, III 2022
The 1st Grandiscacchi Cattolica International
(78 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—7. S. L. Narayanan, Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu, Ba. Jobava, Nisipeanu, Lodici, Ar. Nesterov, Lu. Moroni jr. 6½, 8—15. P. L. Basso, Pranav Anand, Kamalidenova, Kh. Akshat, Šebenik, L. van Foreest, Radosl. Dimitrov, J. Reuker 6, 16—23. S. Azarov, Art. Davtyan, J. Willow, A. Barp, E. Mirzoev, P. Karthikeyan, E. Trost, Moksh Amit Doshi 5½, etc.

SAINT LOUIS, III 2022
St Louis Spring Chess Classic

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

Spring Classic A cat. XVI (2642)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	S. SEVIAN	g	2684	–	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	½	6	1—2
2	I. NYZHNYK	g	2674	½	–	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	6	1—2
3	D. SWIERCZ	g	2656	½	½	–	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	5½	3—4
4	R. ROBSON	g	2676	0	½	½	–	½	½	½	1	1	1	5½	3—4
5	ARAM HAKOBYAN	g	2601	0	0	½	½	–	1	1	½	1	½	5	5—6
6	JEF. XIONG	g	2686	½	0	1	½	0	–	½	½	1	1	5	5—6
7	H. NIEMANN	g	2642	½	½	0	½	0	½	–	1	0	1	4	7
8	LENDERMAN	g	2600	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	–	1	½	3	8—9
9	K. DRAGUN	g	2590	½	0	½	0	0	0	1	0	–	1	3	8—9
10	M. AL. ANTIPOV	g	2615	½	½	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	–	2	10

Playoff (rapid)

Time Control: 10 minutes + 2 seconds per move

			1	2	
I. NYZHNYK	g	2674	0	0	0
S. SEVIAN	g	2684	1	1	2

Spring Classic B cat. XI (2514)

1. Ab. Mishra 7, 2. Ch. Repka 6, 3—6. Ali Marandi, Moradiabadi, Ch. Yoo, S. Khanin 4½, 7—10. T. Stremavicius, A. Mikaelyan, Raja Harshit, Hungaski 3½

BEOGRAD, III 2022
The second leg of the FIDE Grand Prix 2022

The FIDE Grand Prix 2022 is a series of three chess tournaments.

Each player will play in two out of three of the tournaments. Each tournament will have 16 players, and have a two-stage format. In the first stage, the players are divided into four pools of four, and the players in each pool play a double round-robin mini-tournament. The four winners of the pools progress to the second stage.

In the second stage, the four pool winners play a knock-out tournament, consisting of semi-finals and a final. Both the semi-finals and final will consist of 2 classical time limit games, plus tie-breaks if required.

In the pool stage, if there is a tie for first, the tied players play tie-breaks. In the knock-out stage, tie-breaks are played if the match is tied after the 2 regular time limit games.

Time Control

Classical games: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

Tie-breaks: two rapid chess games at 15 minutes plus 10 seconds per move. If players are still tied, they play two blitz chess games at 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move. If players are still tied, a single armageddon chess game is played to decide the winner.

Players receive Grand Prix points according to their finishing position in each tournament. The two players with the most Grand Prix points qualify for the Candidates Tournament 2022.

The players will receive Grand Prix points as follows:

Round	Grand Prix points
Winner	13
Runner-Up	10
Semi-final loser	7
2nd in group	4
3rd in group	2
4th in group	0

ROUND-ROBIN STAGE

Pool A

				1		2		3		4		
1	ANDREIKIN	g	2724	–	–	½	½	1	½	½	1	4
2	S. SHANKLAND	g	2704	½	½	–	–	½	½	1	½	3½
3	E. BACROT	g	2635	½	0	½	½	–	–	½	½	2½
4	A. GRISCHUK	g	2758	0	½	½	0	½	½	–	–	2

Pool B

				1		2		3		4		
1	ANISH GIRI	g	2771	–	–	1	½	1	½	½	½	4
2	VITIUGOV	g	2726	½	0	–	–	½	½	½	1	3
3	MOHA. TABATABAEI	g	2623	½	0	½	½	–	–	½	1	3
4	P. HARIKRISHNA	g	2716	½	½	0	½	0	½	–	–	2

Pool C

				1		2		3		4		
1	R. RAPPORT	g	2762	–	–	1	1	½	½	½	½	4
2	S. VIDIT	g	2723	0	0	–	–	1	½	1	½	3
3	SHIROV	g	2691	½	½	½	0	–	–	1	0	2½
4	VL. FEDOSEEV	g	2704	½	½	½	0	1	0	–	–	2½

Pool D

				1		2		3		4		
1	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2761	–	–	½	½	½	1	½	½	3½
2	MAMEDYAROV	g	2776	½	½	–	–	½	½	½	½	3
3	PREDKE	g	2682	0	½	½	½	–	–	½	1	3
4	YU YANGYI	g	2713	½	½	½	½	0	½	–	–	2½

KNOCKOUT STAGE

Semi-finals

			1	2	R1	R2	
ANDREIKIN	g	2724	½	½	½	1	2½
ANISH GIRI	g	2771	½	½	½	0	1½

			1	2	
R. RAPPORT	g	2762	1	½	1½
VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2761	0	½	½

Final

			1	2	
ANDREIKIN	g	2724	½	0	½
R. RAPPORT	g	2762	½	1	1½

BEOGRAD, III 2022

cat. XVII (2651)

Time Control: 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	SJUGIROV	g	2680	–	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	½	1	6½	1
2	NIHAL SARIN	g	2652	½	–	1	1	½	1	0	½	½	½	5½	2—4
3	V. IVIC	g	2610	½	0	–	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	5½	2—4
4	ABDUSATTOROV	g	2651	0	0	½	–	0	1	1	1	1	1	5½	2—4
5	P. MAGHSOODLOO	g	2701	0	½	½	1	–	0	½	1	½	1	5	5—6
6	A. INDIC	g	2605	½	0	½	0	1	–	½	½	1	1	5	5—6
7	D. NAVARA	g	2700	0	1	0	0	½	½	–	1	½	1	4½	7
8	SARANA	g	2685	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	–	1	1	4	8
9	ROB. MARKUS	g	2627	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	–	½	2½	9
10	I. IVANISEVIC	g	2601	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	–	1	10

LONDON, III 2022
The England vs. Sweden Challenge Match

For the first five games, the time control is 40 moves in 120 minutes, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. For the remaining five games, the time control is 40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. No draw offers prior to move 30 are allowed.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
GRANDELIUS (SWE)	g	2672	½	½	½	0	½	½	1	0	½	½	4½
D. HOWELL (ENG)	g	2646	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	1	½	½	5½

SANTA CLARA, III 2022
The Cuban Championship

cat. XI (2510)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Ya. Quesada Pérez 7, 2—4. Albornoz Cabrera, Almeida Quintana, Fernández De La Vara 6, 5—6. I. Ortiz Suárez, L. Quesada Pérez 5½, 7—9. Espinosa Veloz, Miranda Mesa, Soto Hernández 5, 10. Martínez Duany 3, 11. M. Díaz Pérez 1

CATTOLICA, III 2022
The 5th Cattolica GM/IM Mix

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

GM Mix A
(18 players, 9 rounds)

1—2. Ar. Nesterov, Jul. Song 6, 3—4. Radosl. Dimitrov, Gumularz 5½, 5—8. Douer, Pranav Anand, Czerw, E. Park 5, etc.

GM Mix B
(14 players, 9 rounds)

1—3. Moksh Amit Doshi, L. van Foreest, Art. Davtyan 6, 4—8. Vaishali Rameshbabu, Ba. Jobava, Kh. Begmuratov, Kamalidenova, Ta. Kanyamarala 5½, 9. J. Hjartarson 5, etc.

GUWAHATI, III 2022
The 1st Guwahati International Open

(256 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. P. Ponkratov, Ad. Fawzy 8½, 3—4. S. Nitin, G. Aradhya 8, 5—15. Delgado Ramirez, Krishna C. R. G., A. Mirzoev, Shyaamnikhil P., Visakh N. R., P. Iniyan, M. Sidhant, Stany, Karthik Venkataraman, Nigmatov, Raahul V. S. 7½, 16—26. Ratnakaran, Say, Das, Cr. Rios, Deepan Chakkravarthy J., Aaryan Varshney, Tahbaz, M. Gholami Orimi, R. Saptarshi, Si. Gaikwad, Sor. Singh, Mahindrakar Indrajeet 7, etc.

CHARLOTTE, III 2022
The Charlotte Spring Invitational GM A

cat. VIII (2450)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Ar. Guo 6, 2—3. K. Dragun, Panjwani 5½, 4—5. Bodek, A. Mišta 5, 6. Ab. Mishra 4½, 7. Korley 4, 8. Aleksandr Ostrovskiy 3½, 9—10. Micha. Lee (2026562), Jas. Liang 3

CATTOLICA, III 2022
The Festival Primavera Cattolica

(65 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 60 minutes for the first 30 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—6. Bernadskiy, Ar. Nesterov, Marin Bosiočić, E. Ohanyan, E. Park, Radosl. Dimitrov 6½, 7—9. Ba. Jobava, E. Mirzoev, I. Enchev 6, 10—17. Art. Davtyan, J. Reuker, D. Dardha, Moksh Amit Doshi, S. Azarov, Mo. Nikolov, Jan Boder, Marzocchi 5½, etc.

CHESS24.com, III 2022
The Charity Cup

The Meltwater Champions Chess Tour is a 9-month series of nine online chess tournaments started on February 19, 2022 and will last until November 20, 2022. The Tour consists of 9 events: 6 labelled as Regular and 3 labelled as Major.

The Charity Cup is the second event of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour and the 2nd Regular. The event is to raise money for UNICEF to use in Ukraine and there aren't any invited Russian players.

Each Regular tournament consists of a preliminary stage with 15 rounds and a knockout stage with three rounds. In the preliminary stage, 16 players participate in a round-robin spanning four days, with each player playing one rapid game against each other player, for a total of 120 games. A win scores 3 points and a draw scores 1 point. The eight players with the most points advance to the next stage.

In the quarterfinals and semifinals, each matchup consists of four rapid games played on a single day, with one point for a win and half a point for a draw. Ties are resolved by a playoff consisting of two blitz games. If these also end in a tie, an Armageddon game is played; if this ends in a draw, the Black player wins the round. The player who ranked higher in the preliminary stage gets to pick a colour.

The final consists of two matches of four rapid games each, played on successive days. Each match is scored separately. A tie (if each player wins one match or both matches are tied) is resolved as in the other knockout rounds. There is no match for third place.

Time control: the players have 15 minutes for all their moves, plus a 10 seconds increment starting from move 1. If a tiebreak is required the players will play two 5 minutes + 3 seconds games and then, if needed, a single Armageddon game.

THE PRELIMINARIES

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	LE QUANG LIEM	g	2709	–	1	1	3	3	0	1	3	1	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	32
2	M. CARLSEN	g	2864	1	–	1	1	1	0	3	0	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	29
3	J. VAN FOREEST	g	2714	1	1	–	3	0	3	3	3	3	0	1	1	1	3	1	3	27
4	ANTON GUIJARRO	g	2694	0	1	0	–	1	1	0	1	3	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	24
5	J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	0	1	3	1	–	1	3	3	1	3	0	3	0	3	0	1	23
6	DING LIREN	g	2799	3	3	0	1	1	–	0	1	0	0	1	3	3	3	1	3	23
7	H. NIEMANN	g	2642	1	0	0	3	0	3	–	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	22
8	D. NAVARA	g	2700	0	3	0	1	0	1	3	–	1	1	1	0	1	3	3	3	21
9	R. RAPPORT	g	2762	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	1	–	1	0	3	1	1	3	3	21
10	PRAGGNANANDHAA R.	g	2619	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	1	1	–	1	3	1	1	3	3	21
11	S. VIDIT	g	2723	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	3	1	–	0	1	1	3	3	20
12	ERIC HANSEN	g	2606	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	–	1	3	0	3	16
13	P. HARIKRISHNA	g	2716	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	3	16
14	GAW. JONES	g	2672	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	–	3	3	10
15	JU WENJUN	g	2560	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	–	1	10
16	LEI TINGJIE	g	2535	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	–	2

KNOCKOUT STAGE

Quarter-finals:

			1	2	3	4	
LE QUANG LIEM	g	2709	1	0	1	½	2½
D. NAVARA	g	2700	0	1	0	½	1½

			1	2	3	
ANTON GUIJARRO	g	2694	0	0	½	½
J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	1	1	½	2½

			1	2	3	
DING LIREN	g	2799	1	½	1	2½
J. VAN FOREEST	g	2714	0	½	0	½

			1	2	3	
M. CARLSEN	g	2864	½	1	1	2½
H. NIEMANN	g	2642	½	0	0	½

Semi-finals:

			1	2	3	4	
LE QUANG LIEM	g	2709	0	½	½	½	1½
J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	1	½	½	½	2½

			1	2	3	4	
M. CARLSEN	g	2864	½	½	1	1	3
DING LIREN	g	2799	½	½	0	0	1

Final:

Match 1

			1	2	3	
M. CARLSEN	g	2864	½	1	1	2½
J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	½	0	0	½

Match 2

			1	2	3	4		5	6	
J.-K. DUDA	g	2750	0	1	1	½	2½	0	0	0
M. CARLSEN	g	2864	1	0	0	½	1½	1	1	2

NEW DELHI, III 2022
The 19th Delhi Open
(298 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—3. Erigaisi Arjun, Gukesh Dommaraju, Harsha Bharathakoti 8½, 4. Nigmatov 8, 5—13. S. P. Sethuraman, Delgado Ramirez, Lalith Babu M. R., Ab. Gupta, Neelash Saha, M. Gholami Orimi, Rohith Krishna S., H. Gusain, R. R. Laxman 7½, 14—31. P. Iniyan, Karthik Venkataraman, Arjun Kalyan, A. Mirzoev, Visakh N. R., Tahbaz, Krishna C. R. G., Deepan Chakkravarthy J., Shyaamnikhil P., Mitrabha, Vignesh N. R., Abdisalimov, Srihari L. R., Utsab Chatterjee, Bharat Kumar Reddy Poluri, Harshavardhan G. B., Viani Antonio Deunha, Cr. Rios 7, etc.

BERLIN, III—IV 2022
The third leg of the FIDE Grand Prix 2022

ROUND-ROBIN STAGE

Pool A

			1	2	3	4	
1 HI. NAKAMURA	g	2750	▬ ▬	1 ½	1 0	½ 1	4
2 G. OPARIN	g	2674	½ 0	▬ ▬	1 ½	1 ½	3½
3 ARONIAN	g	2785	1 0	½ 0	▬ ▬	1 ½	3
4 AN. ESIPENKO	g	2723	0 ½	½ 0	½ 0	▬ ▬	1½

Pool B

			1	2	3	4		R1	R2	B1	B2	
1 MAMEDYAROV	g	2776	▬ ▬	1 ½	½ ½	½ ½	3½	1	0	1	1	3
2 V. KEYMER	g	2655	½ 0	▬ ▬	1 ½	1 ½	3½	0	1	0	0	1
3 L. DOMÍNGUEZ	g	2756	½ ½	½ 0	▬ ▬	½ 1	3	—	—			
4 DANIIL DUBOV	g	2711	½ ½	½ 0	0 ½	▬ ▬	2	—	—			

Pool C

			1	2	3	4		R1	R2	
1 W. SO	g	2778	▬ ▬	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	3½	1	½	1½
2 S. SHANKLAND	g	2704	½ ½	▬ ▬	½ 1	½ ½	3½	0	½	½
3 PREDKE	g	2682	½ ½	0 ½	▬ ▬	1 0	2½	—	—	
4 VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2761	0 ½	½ ½	1 0	▬ ▬	2½	—	—	

Pool D

			1	2	3	4	
1 MOHA. TABATABAEI	g	2623	▬ ▬	1 0	½ ½	½ 1	3½
2 VITIUGOV	g	2726	1 0	▬ ▬	½ ½	½ ½	3
3 YU YANGYI	g	2713	½ ½	½ ½	▬ ▬	½ ½	3
4 ANISH GIRI	g	2771	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	▬ ▬	2½

KNOCKOUT STAGE

Semi-finals

			1	2	R1	R2	
HI. NAKAMURA	g	2750	½	½	1	1	3
MAMEDYAROV	g	2776	½	½	0	0	1

			1	2	R1	R2	
W. SO	g	2778	1	0	1	1	3
MOHA. TABATABAEI	g	2623	0	1	0	0	1

Final

			1	2	R1	R2	
HI. NAKAMURA	g	2750	½	½	½	0	1½
W. SO	g	2778	½	½	½	1	2½

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS

The following table shows the overall Grand Prix standings, including points the players are scoring in the ongoing tournament. The top two players qualify for the Candidates Tournament.

		Berlin	Beograd	Berlin	Total	Pts in std gms
1	HI. NAKAMURA*	13	—	10	23	12½
2	R. RAPPORT*	7	13	—	20	11
3	W. SO	4	—	13	17	9½
4	ARONIAN	10	—	2	12	10
5	ANDREIKIN	—	10	—	10	5½
6	MOHA. TABATABAEI	—	3	7	10	7½
7	MAMEDYAROV	—	3	7	10	7½
8	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	7	—	2	9	7½
9	S. SHANKLAND	—	4	4	8	7
10	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	—	7	1	8	6½
11	ANISH GIRI	—	7	0	7	7½
12	S. VIDIT	3	4	—	7	6
13	VITIUGOV	—	3	3	6	6
14 (tie)	PREDKE	—	3	1	4	5½
14 (tie)	G. OPARIN	0	—	4	4	5½
16 (tie)	AN. ESIPENKO	4	—	0	4	5
16 (tie)	V. KEYMER	0	—	4	4	5
18	R. WOJTASZEK	4	—	—	4	3½
19	VL. FEDOSEEV	2	1	—	3	5½
20	YU YANGYI	—	0	3	3	5½
21	DANIIL DUBOV	3	—	0	3	5
22	A. GRISCHUK	2	0	—	2	5
23	P. HARIKRISHNA	2	0	—	2	4½
24	É. BACROT	0	2	—	2	4
25	SHIROV	0	1	—	1	4
26	DING LIREN	—	—	—	0	0

* Qualified for the Candidates via the Grand Prix

BUENOS AIRES, III—IV 2022
The Magistral 50 Aniversario Torre Blanca

cat. VIII (2440)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Pichot 8, 2. Y. Santiago 6, 3. Fa. Fiorito 5, 4—6. Roselli Mailhe, Paveto, Diaz Hollemaert 4½, 7—8. A. Tokman, Ja. Romero Barreto 4, 9. Labollita 2½, 10. Die. Flores 2

TERME ČATEŽ, III—IV 2022
The 22nd European Individual Championship
(317 players, 11 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. M. Blübaum, Sargissian 8½, 3—8. Iv. Šarić, I. Cheparinov, Santos Latasa, Mus. En. Yilmaz, R. Ponomariov, Durarbayli 8, 9—31. Ab. Gadimbayli, M. Iskandarov, G. Guseinov, Ter-Sahakyan, Shant Sargsyan, Kobo, J. Moussard, Ar. Tari, Antón Guijarro, Kuzubov, Kožul, Ar. Nesterov, A. Indić, H. Martirosyan, Bernadskiy, M. Ragger, Max. Lagarde, N. Abasov, Man. Petrosyan, Mat. Bartel, Iturrizaga Bonelli, Ante Brkić, Baklan 7½, 32—54. M. Mchedlishvili, Mo. Petkov, Ba. Jobava, E. Safarli, Nisipeanu, A. Areshchenko, R. Samadov, V. Ivić, Ju. Kramer, R. Svane, B.-D. Deac, A. Suleymanli, Lu. Moroni jr., De. Wagner, G. Beydullayeva, L. Livaić, P. Michalik, L. van Foreest, A. Ahmadzada, Je. Pechač, Sivuk, N. Salimova, A. Stella 7, etc.

20 players Qualified for the next FIDE World Cup 2023.

AHMEDABAD, III—IV 2022
The 3rd Gujarat Open
(377 players, 10 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—3. Nigmatov, Neelotpal, Anuj Shrivatri 8½, 4—6. M. R. Venkatesh, Abdisalimov, Chi. Mehar 8, 7—21. Srihari L. R., Delgado Ramirez, Stany, Harsha Bharathakoti, S. Nitin, Ratnakaran, Krishna C. R. G., R. R. Laxman, H. Gusain, M. Arpita, Neelash Saha, Summed Jaykumar, Raahul V. S., S. Chanda, Aaryan Varshney 7½, etc.

REYKJAVÍK, IV 2022
The Kvika Reykjavik Open
(245 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu 7½, 2—5. M. Warmerdam, Mads Andersen (1413864), Hj. Grétarsson, Ab. Mishra 7, 6—15. A. Fier, H. Niemann, Ab. Gupta, V. Larkin, Korley, S. Mazé, Bra. Clarke, J. Sarkar, Ch. Yoo, F. Libiszewski 6½, 16—34. L. Jarmula, Gukesh Dommaraju, Th. Beerdsen, Jul. Song, J. Hjartarson, Tania, Er. Rosen, Sigurb. Björnsson, P. Laurent-Paoli, Dm. Minko, Heimisson, J. Willow, Julian Martin, Baskin, Idani, M. Cornette, Fantinel, V. Stefánsson, V. Garbuz 6, etc.

MAR DEL PLATA, IV 2022
The 51st Mar Del Plata Open
(282 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Rodriguez Vila 8, 2—5. Die. Flores, Garcia Palermo, P. I. Acosta, M. Cristobal 7½, 6—12. Fac. Pierrot, Ja. Romero Barreto, Fa. Fiorito, Raf. Miranda, Tristan, A. Tokman, J. Fiorito 7, 13—26. L. Coro, M. Di Muro, Mussanti, Mar. Campos, Slipak, N. Lujan, Beroiz, Fr. Fiorito, L. Tobares, Cumpe, Aguilar Samper, G. Asprelli, T. Caruso, Cuello Alcaria 6½, etc.

SVENDBORG, IV 2022
The Danish Championship

cat. VIII (2442)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. M. Haubro 7, 2. Je. Thybo 6½, 3. J. Bjerre 6, 4. Schandorff 5, 5—6. Fi. Olsen, B. Oehsner 4½, 7. Percivaldi 4, 8—10. N. Borge, J. Sylvan, Høi 2½

FAGERNES, IV 2022
The Fagernes Chess International

(71 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 100 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 40 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Sasikiran, Aryan Chopra 7, 3—4. Urkedal, Aram Hakobyan 6½, 5—13. Erigaisi Arjun, Em. Can, Külaots, Alexa. Donchenko, Nihal Sarin, S. P. Sethuraman, E. Blomqvist, Lu. Carlsson, Vestby-Ellingsen 6, 14—20. Hillarp Persson, Mitusov, Kaasen, Abdumalik, Brynell, V. Sanal, Hobber 5½, etc.

CHIHUAHUA, IV 2022
The LXVII Mexican Open

(87 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. S. Mareco 7½, 2—4. Salinas Herrera, Cori Quispe, Ibarra Chami 7, 5—8. E. Córdova, J. Cori Tello, Hernández Guerrero, L. Quesada Pérez 6½, 9—15. González Zamora, Si. Galaviz Medina, Díaz Villagrán, Pérez Gormaz, I. García Guerrero, A. Jorajuria Mendoza, R. Avila Bautista 6, etc.

FOXWOODS, IV 2022
The 14th Foxwoods Open

(63 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. D. Kadrić, Zhou Jianchao 7, 3—4. A. Mikaelyan, Al. Shabalov 6½, 5—7. Gledura, Mai Narva, Mike Ivanov 6, 8—17. Poliannikov, Mat. Marek, Gun. J. Andersen, Hungaski, G. Flom, Sokolin, T. Luo, Adury, B. Finegold, Jas. Shi 5½, etc.

LA RODA, IV 2022
The 48th La Roda Open

(187 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. Gukesh Dommaraju 8, 2. H. Martirosyan 7½, 3—7. Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu, R. Sadhwani, Josep López Martínez, Martínez Reyes, A. Domingo Nuñez 7, 8—15. V. Mikhalevski, Shant Sargsyan, Buendía Pinar, I. Alshameary Puente, Rubio Mejía, J. Valdepeñas Octavio, Machado Hernández, S. Bustos Bernardo 6½, etc.

ALICANTE, IV 2022
The VI Open Semana Santa Alicante

(446 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. J. Moussard 8, 2—3. Ka. H. Grigoryan, Iturrizaga Bonelli 7½, 4—19. Suárez Uriel, Jon. Cruz, Yuffa, P. Sabuk, Chatalbashev, Movsziszian, Garrido Outon, M. Camacho Collados, D. Dardha, G. Nasuta, Moral García, David Arm. Davtyan, Vásquez Schroeder, L. Vrolijk, Lariño Nieto, Ch. Sochacki 7, 20—40. J. Cuenca Jiménez, Gómez Ledo, Aa. Alonso García, Fi. Cruz, Jose M. Fernández García, Mar. García Martín, Cifuentes Parada, Valmaña Canto, Escobar Medina, Vela Ignacio, Muñoz Avila, Fy. Rakotomaharo, Macías Pino, Del Río De Angelis, J. Habans Aguerrea, Batsiashvili, J. Aagaard, J. Garrido Díaz, G. Ayats Llobera, Minzer, E. Tejedor Fuente 6½, etc.

BASSANO DEL GRAPPA, IV 2022
The 2nd Easter Bassano Festival

(75 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 60 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—3. Bernadskiy, Ar. Nesterov, J. Baum 7½, 4—6. Heberla, Dan. Fischer (1328360), Mart. Petrov 6½, 7—14. P. L. Basso, E. Postny, Gallego Alcaraz, A. Fier, Marin Bosiočić, Petkidis, M. Olde, E. Carlo 6, etc.

CANBERRA, IV 2022
The O2C Doeberl Cup

(53 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1. H. Melkumyan 7½, 2. Kuybokarov 7, 3—4. Dani. H. Fernandez, R. Sardana 6½, 5—7. Bo. Cheng, J. Puccini, G. Lane 6, 8—17. J. Ikeda, Winkelman, Ch. Wallis, Bjelobrk, M. Clarke, Kargosha, F. Litchfield, L. Prasad, N. Banerjee, J. Rodgers 5½, etc.

BÖBLINGER, IV 2022
The 37th Boeblinger Open

(192 players, 9 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—9. Sp. Grigorian, A. Lutsko, J. Rosner, Ju. Kramer, J. Pajeken, N. Schmider, A. Šarić, Th. Ehmann, Ja. Plenča 7, 10—17. K. Farokhi, I. Neyman, J. Hacker, D. Färber, M. Colpe, Ka. Hansch, J. Reuker, D. Ochs 6½, etc.

NEW YORK, IV 2022
The New York Spring Invitational GM A

cat. VIII (2434)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30 seconds increment starting on move one.

1—2. V. Belous, Jas. Liang 6½, 3. Ol. Barbosa 6, 4—5. Gá. Nagy (737119), Ed. Song 4½, 6. Ar. Guo 4, 7—8. Aleksandr Ostrovskiy, Korley 3½, 9—10. Kaliksteyn, Ke. Wang (2008424) 3

LA HABANA, IV 2022
The 55th Capablanca Memorial — Elite

cat. XIV (2589)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	H. NIEMANN	g	2637	■	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	7½	1
2	DURARBAYLI	g	2628	½	■	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	½	5½	2—4
3	L. QUESADA PÉREZ	g	2519	½	½	■	0	1	½	½	½	1	1	5½	2—4
4	S. GANGULY	g	2609	0	0	1	■	½	½	1	½	1	1	5½	2—4
5	S. MARECO	g	2652	0	½	0	½	■	½	1	1	1	½	5	5
6	MUS. EN. YILMAZ	g	2626	0	½	½	½	½	■	½	1	½	½	4½	5
7	ALBORNOZ CABRERA	g	2574	0	0	½	0	0	½	■	½	1	1	3½	5
8	I. ORTIZ SUÁREZ	g	2533	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	■	½	½	3	5
9	ALMEIDA QUINTANA	g	2536	½	½	0	0	0	½	0	½	■	½	2½	9—10
10	YA. QUESADA PÉREZ	g	2579	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	½	½	■	2½	9—10

SAINT LOUIS, IV 2022
The American Cup

The American Cup is two tournaments, each an 8-player double-elimination knockout event.

The matches will be played over two classical games in the Champions and two rapid games in the Elimination bracket. If tied, rapid playoffs are held and, if still tied, an Armageddon game (5 vs 4 minutes, with draw odds for Black).

In the end the winner of the Champions bracket will face the winner of the Elimination bracket. If the Champions bracket winner loses, a second match is played.

Time Control

— Classical game: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1.
— Rapid: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move 1.
— Playoff: 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment from move 1.

Champions bracket

Round 1

			1	2	3	4	
ARONIAN	g	2785	1	0	1	½	2½
R. ROBSON	g	2681	0	1	0	½	1½

			1	2	3	4	
L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2756	½	½	½	1	2½
S. SHANKLAND	g	2700	½	½	½	0	1½

			1	2	
W. SO	g	2778	0	½	½
S. SEVIAN	g	2693	1	½	1½

			1	2	3	4	5	
F. CARUANA	g	2781	½	½	½	½	1	3
JEF. XIONG	g	2685	½	½	½	½	0	2

Round 2

			1	2	
ARONIAN	g	2785	0	½	½
L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2756	1	½	1½

			1	2	3	4	
F. CARUANA	g	2781	½	½	1	1	3
S. SEVIAN	g	2693	½	½	0	0	1

Round 3

			1	2	
F. CARUANA	g	2781	1	½	1½
L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2756	0	½	½

Elimination bracket

Round 1

			1	2	3	4	5	
R. ROBSON	g	2605*	½	½	1	0	1	3
S. SHANKLAND	g	2625	½	½	0	1	0	2

			1	2	
W. SO	g	2769	1	½	1½
JEF. XIONG	g	2729	0	½	½

Round 2

			1	2	3	4	
S. SEVIAN	g	2586	½	½	0	½	1½
R. ROBSON	g	2605	½	½	1	½	2½

			1	2	
W. SO	g	2769	½	0	½
ARONIAN	g	2705	½	1	1½

Round 3

			1	2	
ARONIAN	g	2705	1	1	2
R. ROBSON	g	2605	0	0	0

Round 4

			1	2	3	4	
ARONIAN	g	2705	½	½	1	½	2½
L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2735	½	½	0	½	1½

* Rapid rating

Final — Champions vs Elimination

			1	2	
ARONIAN	g	2785	½	0	½
F. CARUANA	g	2781	½	1	1½

WOMEN
Champions bracket

Round 1

			1	2	
KRUSH	g	2421	1	½	1½
YAN RUIYANG	f	2283	0	½	½

			1	2	
TOKHIRJONOVA	wg	2335	1	½	1½
KAT. NEMCOVA	wg	2335	0	½	½

			1	2	3	4	
TSOLAKIDOU	wg	2359	½	½	0	0	1
ALI. LEE	wm	2334	½	½	1	1	3

			1	2	3	4	
A. ZATONSKIH	wg	2393	1	0	0	0	1
T. ABRAHAMYAN	wg	2311	0	1	1	1	3

Round 2

			1	2	
KRUSH	g	2421	½	1	1½
TOKHIRJONOVA	wg	2335	½	0	½

			1	2	
ALI. LEE	wm	2334	1	1	2
T. ABRAHAMYAN	wg	2311	0	0	0

Round 3

			1	2	
KRUSH	g	2421	1	½	1½
ALI. LEE	wm	2334	0	½	½

Elimination bracket

Round 1

			1	2	3	4	5	
KAT. NEMCOVA	wg	2276	0	1	0	1	1	3
YAN RUIYANG	f	1967	1	0	1	0	0	2

			1	2	3	4	
A. ZATONSKIH	wg	2295	0	1	0	½	1½
TSOLAKIDOU	wg	2305	1	0	1	½	2½

Round 2

			1	2	
KAT. NEMCOVA	wg	2276	0	0	0
T. ABRAHAMYAN	wg	2311	1	1	2

			1	2	
TSOLAKIDOU	wg	2305	0	0	0
TOKHIRJONOVA	wg	2330	1	1	2

Round 3

			1	2	
T. ABRAHAMYAN	wg	2311	1	1	2
TOKHIRJONOVA	wg	2330	0	0	0

Round 4

			1	2	3	4	5	
ALI. LEE	wm	2334	1	0	0	1	1	3
T. ABRAHAMYAN	wg	2311	0	1	1	0	0	2

Final — Champions vs Elimination

			1	2	
KRUSH	g	2421	1	½	1½
ALI. LEE	wm	2334	0	½	½

OSLO, IV 2022
The Oslo Esports Cup

The Oslo Esports Cup is the third event of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour and the 1st Major.

Each Major tournament will have 8 participants: the top two players of each of the previous two Regular tournaments, the top two players in the overall tour standings, and two wildcards. The tour regulations do not specify what happens if these groups of players overlap.

Each Major tournament will be a round-robin tournament among eight players, without a knock-out stage. Each pair of players plays a match of four rapid games, with the winner earning 3 points. If the match is tied, there is a blitz tiebreak, with 2 blitz games followed, if needed, by a single Armageddon game. The winner earns 2 points and the loser 1. Ties in the total match points at the end of the tournament are resolved according to the following criteria, in that order:
— Result in the match(es) between the tied players
— Number of match wins (including forfeits)

For each rapid game, the players have 15 minutes for all their moves, with a 10 seconds increment after each move. For blitz games, it's 5 minutes and a 3 seconds increment, while for the Armageddon game White has 5 minutes to Black's 4, but a draw counts as a win for Black.

For each match, the table shows the match points gained, with the match result in parentheses.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 J.-K. DUDA	2769	—	1 2 : 4	0 ½ : 2½	3 2½ : ½	2 4 : 2	3 2½ : ½	2 4 : 2	3 2½ : ½	14
2 LE QUANG LIEM	2765	2 4 : 2	—	3 2½ : 1½	0 ½ : 2½	0 1½ : 2½	2 3½ : 2½	3 2½ : ½	3 2½ : ½	13
3 M. CARLSEN	2851	3 2½ : ½	0 1½ : 2½	—	3 3 : 0	0 ½ : 2½	0 1½ : 2½	3 2½ : ½	3 2½ : ½	12
4 PRAGGNANANDHAA	2685	0 ½ : 2½	3 2½ : ½	0 0 : 3	—	3 2½ : ½	3 2½ : ½	0 ½ : 2½	3 2½ : ½	12
5 MAMEDYAROV	2724	1 2 : 4	3 2½ : 1½	3 2½ : ½	0 ½ : 2½	—	2 3½ : 2½	2 3½ : 2½	0 1½ : 2½	11
6 J. VAN FOREEST	2744	0 ½ : 2½	1 2½ : 3½	3 2½ : 1½	0 ½ : 2½	1 2½ : 3½	—	2 4 : 2	3 2½ : 1½	10
7 ANISH GIRI	2759	1 2 : 4	0 ½ : 2½	0 ½ : 2½	3 2½ : ½	1 2½ : 3½	1 2 : 4	—	3 2½ : 1½	9
8 ERIC HANSEN	2651	0 ½ : 2½	0 ½ : 2½	0 ½ : 2½	0 ½ : 2½	3 2½ : 1½	0 1½ : 2½	0 1½ : 2½	—	3

SANT FERRAN DE SES ROQUES, IV—V 2022
The I Sunway Formentera Open
(54 players, 10 rounds)

Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

1. Gukesh Dommaraju 8, 2—3. Santos Latasa, Sha. Sargsyan 7½, 4—5. H. Martirosyan, Soham Das 7, 6—10. J. Cuenca Jiménez, Santos Ruiz, L. Jarmula, Jul. Song, Romanishin 6½, 11—14. Batsiashvili, L. Yankelevich, F. Eugène, Chiku-Ratte 6, etc.

ZAGNAŃSK, IV—V 2022
The Swietokrzyskie Festival

cat. VIII (2430)

Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 15 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

1. L. Budisavljević 6½, 2. Ts. Stoyanov 5½, 3—6. Pacan-Milej, Chatalbashev, Tazbir, J. Fus 5, 7—8. M. Szpar, Samunenkov 4, 9. I. Kowalski 3, 10. Mikrut 2

SANTA CLARA, IV—V 2022
The XXIX Guillermo García tournament

cat. VIII (2427)

Time control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1.

1—2. Cardoso Cardoso, Ávila Pavas 7, 3. Borges Matos 5½, 4—5. Soto Hernández, Miranda Mesa 4½, 6. Al. Mateus 4, 7—8. Pérez Leiva, Sandoval Mercado 3½, 9. Fernández De La Vara 3, 10. Nogueiras Santiago 2½

SAN SALVADOR, V 2022
The XV American Continental Chess Championship
(117 players, 11 rounds)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Gareyev* 9½, 2—8. Ch. Yoo*, Ya. Quesada Pérez*, Kaidanov*, Proudian, Figueredo Losada, J. Sarkar, Salinas Herrera 8, 9—13. Pichot, Hungaski, Thavandiran, Cervantes Landeiro, Ca. Morales 7½, 14—24. D. Świercz, Morovic Fernández, Ju. Díaz Rosas, Krysa, J. Girón, Valdés Romero, Mekhitarian, Cabezas Solano, Noboa Silva, Díaz Villagrán, Chinchilla Miranda 7, etc.

* Qualified for the next FIDE World Cup 2023.

MALMÖ, V 2022
The 27th TePe Sigeman & Co Chess tournament

cat. XVII (2682)

Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	H. NIEMANN	g	2656	—	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	5	1
2	ERIGAISI ARJUN	g	2675	0	—	½	½	½	½	1	1	4	2—4
3	GRANDELIUS	g	2635	½	½	—	½	½	½	1	½	4	2—4
4	MI. ADAMS	g	2698	½	½	½	—	½	½	1	½	4	2—4
5	D. NAVARA	g	2682	½	½	½	½	—	½	0	1	3½	5
6	J. VAN FOREEST	g	2715	½	½	½	½	½	—	0	½	3	6
7	A. R. S. SALEM	g	2690	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	½	2½	7
8	SHIROV	g	2695	0	0	½	½	0	½	½	—	2	8

CHARLOTTE, V 2022
The Charlotte May Invitational — GM Tournament

cat. VIII (2436)

Time control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1.

1—2. Jas. Liang, T. Stremavicius 5½, 3. Korley 5, 4—8. V. Belous, Kaliksteyn, Mardov, J. Sheng, Mich. Song 4½, 9. Alek. Ostrovskiy 3½, 10. Ju. Williams 3

TASHKENT, V 2022
The 15th Agzamov Memorial
(65 players, 10 rounds)

Time control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1.

1—2. A. Indić, J. Sindarov 7½, 3—8. Evgeny Romanov (4148843), A. Suleymenov, V. Sanal, J. Vakhidov, M. Mchedlishvili, V. Asadli 7, 9—10. S. Vokhidov, Aditya Mittal (35042025) 6½, 11—21. Abdurakhmonov, Z. Agmanov, Madaminov, Utegaliyev, Nigmatov, M. Iskandarov, Abdisalimov, Bakhrillaev, V. Manafov, S. Saydaliev, Ar. Urazayev 6, etc.

BUCUREŞTI, V 2022
The Grand Chess Tour 2022 — Superbet Chess Classic

cat. XXI (2761)

The Grand Chess Tour 2022 will be a series of five tournaments with a total prize pool of USD 1.4 million, including two tournaments with classical time control and three tournaments with faster time controls. A total of nine full tour participants will be selected for the 2022 GCT season with each full tour participant required to participate in both classical chess tournaments as well as in two of the available three Rapid & Blitz events. Players will earn GCT points in all events and the results of every event will count towards the final GCT standings at the end of the regular season.

Tour Points shall be awarded based on the final ranking of each full tour player in each event as set out below. The same point allocations shall apply to both the classical and rapid and blitz events. Tour Points shall be shared equally between tied players and shall not be impacted by the result of any playoff or tiebreaks that may take place.

Place	GCT Points	Place	GCT Points
1st	12/13*	6th	5
2nd	10	7th	4
3rd	8	8th	3
4th	7	9th	2
5th	6	10th	1

* Any player who wins an Event outright (without the need for a playoff) shall earn a bonus GCT Tour Point for the outright victory.

In the Classical Events, the standings shall be determined by the allocation of: 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in all games.

In the Rapid & Blitz Events the standings shall be determined by the allocation of: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in a Rapid game; and 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in a Blitz game.

The Superbet Chess Classic is the first stage of the Grand Chess Tour 2022.

Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		GCT point
1	ARONIAN	g	2765	—	½	1	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	5½	10
2	W. SO	g	2776	½	—	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	5½	10
3	VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2750	0	½	—	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	5½	10
4	F. CARUANA	g	2786	½	½	0	—	½	½	½	½	1	½	4½	6
5	L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ	g	2753	0	½	½	½	—	1	0	½	1	½	4½	6
6	B.-D. DEAC	g	2671	½	½	½	½	0	—	½	½	½	1	4½	wildcard
7	A. FIROUZJA	g	2804	½	½	0	½	1	½	—	0	½	½	4	3½
8	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	g	2773	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	—	0	½	4	3½
9	MAMEDYAROV	g	2759	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	1	—	½	3½	1½
10	R. RAPPORT	g	2776	½	½	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	—	3½	1½

Playoff

Time control: 10 minutes with a 5 seconds increment per move from move 1.

			1	2	3	
VACHIER-LAGRAVE	g	2743	—	1	1	2
W. SO	g	2770	0	—	1	1
ARONIAN	g	2751	0	0	—	0

KRUSZWICA, V 2022
The 79th LOTTO Polish Championship

The Polish Championship is a 16-player knockout tournament, with two classical games in each match, followed, if necessary, by two rapid games, then two blitz games, then Armageddon.

Time control:

Classical games: 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes to the end of the game, with a 30 seconds increment from move 1.

Rapid games: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move.

Blitz games: 5 minutes + 3 seconds

Armageddon: Black has 4 minutes to White's 5, but a draw counts as a win for Black.

Round 1

			1	2	
R. WOJTASZEK	g	2696	1	1	2
P. SABUK	m	2420	0	0	0

			1	2	
G. GAJEWSKI	g	2589	1	½	1½
I. JANIK	g	2525	0	½	½

			1	2	R3	R4	
WARAKOMSKI	g	2534	½	½	½	0	1½
MAT. BARTEL	g	2619	½	½	½	1	2½

			1	2	
W. MORANDA	g	2630	1	½	1½
J. KOSAKOWSKI	m	2435	0	½	½

			1	2	R3	R4	B5	B6	
G. NASUTA	g	2511	½	½	½	½	0	0	2
PIORUN	g	2635	½	½	½	½	1	1	4

			1	2	
GUMULARZ	g	2513	0	½	½
TECLAF	m	2537	1	½	1½

			1	2	
LICZNERSKI	m	2439	½	0	½
J. TOMCZAK	g	2584	½	1	1½

			1	2	
B. SOĆKO	g	2636	½	1	1½
M. SZPAR	m	2434	½	0	½

Quarter-finals

			1	2	
G. GAJEWSKI	g	2589	0	0	0
R. WOJTASZEK	g	2696	1	1	2

			1	2	
W. MORANDA	g	2630	1	½	1½
MAT. BARTEL	g	2619	0	½	½

			1	2	R3	R4	B5	B6	A7	
TECLAF	m	2537	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	3
PIORUN	g	2635	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	4

			1	2	R3	R4	B5	B6	
B. SOĆKO	g	2636	0	1	0	1	0	½	2½
J. TOMCZAK	g	2584	1	0	1	0	1	½	3½

Semi-finals

			1	2	R3	R4	B5	B6	
R. WOJTASZEK	g	2696	½	½	½	½	½	1	3½
W. MORANDA	g	2630	½	½	½	½	½	0	2½

			1	2	R3	R4	B5	B6	
PIORUN	g	2635	½	½	½	½	1	½	3½
J. TOMCZAK	g	2584	½	½	½	½	0	½	2½

Final

			1	2	
PIORUN	g	2635	½	0	½
R. WOJTASZEK	g	2696	½	1	1½

ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM, V 2022
The Czech Championship
(48 players, 9 rounds)

Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes to the end of the game; plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

1. D. Navara 7, 2—3. V. Babula, Jan Krejčí 6½, 4—8. Zwardoň, J. Štoček, V. Plát, To. Kraus, Rašík 6, 9—14. Hráček, Černoušek, J. Rubeš, R. Stalmach, Brejník, Freisler 5½, etc.

WARSZAWA, V 2022
The Grand Chess Tour 2022 — Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland

The Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland is the second stage on the Grand Chess Tour 2022.

Rapid

Time control: 25 minutes for all moves and a 10 seconds increment from move 1.

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	VIS. ANAND	g	2675*	—	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	14	1
2	R. RAPPORT	g	2785	2	—	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	13	2
3	J.-K. DUDA	g	2806	1	2	—	0	2	0	2	1	2	2	12	3
4	W. SO	g	2770	0	2	2	—	1	1	1	2	1	1	11	4
5	ARONIAN	g	2751	0	1	0	1	—	2	1	1	2	2	10	5
6	F. CARUANA	g	2790	1	0	2	1	0	—	1	1	1	2	9	6
7	R. WOJTASZEK	g	2647	0	0	0	1	1	1	—	1	2	1	7	7—8
8	KI. SHEVCHENKO	g	2573	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	—	1	2	7	7—8
9	A. KOROBOV	g	2677	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	—	2	5	9
10	D. GAVRILESCU	m	2457	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	—	2	10

* Rapid rating

2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

Blitz

Time Control: 5 minutes + 2 seconds increment from move one.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	F. CARUANA	— —	½ ½	½ 1	1 ½	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 0	1 1	1 0	14
2	ARONIAN	½ ½	— —	½ ½	½ 1	½ 1	1 ½	1 1	1 ½	1 ½	1 1	13½
3	J.-K. DUDA	½ 0	½ ½	— —	0 1	0 1	1 0	½ 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	12
4	VIS. ANAND	0 ½	½ 0	1 0	— —	1 ½	½ 0	½ 1	½ 1	0 ½	1 1	9½
5	W. SO	0 0	½ 0	1 0	0 ½	— —	1 1	1 1	0 ½	½ 1	1 ½	9½
6	A. KOROBOV	0 0	0 ½	0 1	½ 1	0 0	— —	0 1	½ 1	0 1	0 1	7½
7	R. RAPPORT	0 0	0 0	½ 0	½ 0	0 0	1 0	— —	0 1	1 1	½ 1	6½
8	R. WOJTASZEK	0 1	0 ½	0 0	½ 0	1 ½	½ 0	1 0	— —	½ 0	½ ½	6½
9	D. GAVRILESCU	0 0	0 ½	0 0	1 ½	½ 0	1 0	0 0	½ 1	— —	½ 1	6½
10	KI. SHEVCHENKO	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 ½	1 0	½ 0	½ ½	½ 0	— —	4½

1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

COMBINED STANDINGS:

		Rapid	Blitz	Combined score	GCT points
1	JAN-KRZYSZTOF DUDA	12	12	24	13
T-2	LEVON ARONIAN	10	13½	23½	9
T-2	VISWANATHAN ANAND	14	9½	23½	9
4	FABIANO CARUANA	9	14	23	7
5	WESLEY SO	11	9½	20½	6
6	RICHARD RAPPORT	13	6½	19½	5
7	RADOSLAW WOJTASZEK	7	6½	13½	4
8	ANTON KOROBOV	5	7½	12½	3
9	KIRILL SHEVCHENKO	7	4½	11½	2
10	DAVID GAVRILESCU	2	6½	8½	1

CHESS24.com, V 2022
The Chessable Masters

The Chessable Masters is the fourth event of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour and the 3rd Regular.

Time control: the players have 15 minutes for all their moves, plus a 10 seconds increment starting from move 1. If a tiebreak is required the players will play two 5 minutes + 3 seconds games and then, if needed, a single Armageddon game.

THE PRELIMINARIES

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	ANISH GIRI	g	2730	▬	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	29
2	M. CARLSEN	g	2824	1	▬	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	28
3	DING LIREN	g	2753	1	1	▬	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	25
4	PRAGGNANANDHAA R.	g	2706	0	3	0	▬	1	0	0	3	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	25
5	WEI YI	g	2729	0	1	1	1	▬	1	3	1	3	3	0	3	1	3	3	0	24
6	MAMEDYAROV	g	2745	1	1	1	3	1	▬	1	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	0	22
7	ANTÓN GUIJARRO	g	2721	1	1	1	3	0	1	▬	3	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	3	20
8	AR. TARI	g	2654	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	▬	0	3	3	1	3	1	1	3	20
9	P. HARIKRISHNA	g	2689	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	▬	0	1	1	0	3	3	3	18
10	J. VAN FOREEST	g	2736	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	▬	3	0	3	0	3	3	17
11	S. VIDIT	g	2711	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	▬	3	3	0	1	3	17
12	GRANDELIUS	g	2656	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	▬	3	0	3	1	16
13	S. SHANKLAND	g	2709	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	▬	3	3	3	16
14	ERIC HANSEN	g	2630	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	3	3	0	▬	0	0	15
15	GAW. JONES	g	2587	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	▬	3	12
16	AB. MISHRA	g	2524	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	▬	10

3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw.

KNOCKOUT STAGE

Quarter-finals:

			1	2	3	
ANISH GIRI	g	2730	1	1	½	2½
AR. TARI	g	2654	0	0	½	½

			1	2	3	4	
WEI YI	g	2729	0	0	1	½	1½
PRAGGNANANDHAA	g	2706	1	1	0	½	2½

			1	2	3	4	
MAMEDYAROV	g	2745	0	0	1	½	1½
DING LIREN	g	2753	1	1	0	½	2½

			1	2	3	
M. CARLSEN	g	2824	1	½	1	2½
ANTÓN GUIJARRO	g	2721	0	½	0	½

Semi-finals:

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
ANISH GIRI	g	2730	½	0	½	1	0	½	2½
PRAGGNANANDHAA	g	2706	½	1	½	0	1	½	3½

			1	2	3	4	
M. CARLSEN	g	2824	½	½	½	0	1½
DING LIREN	g	2753	½	½	½	1	2½

Final

Match 1

			1	2	3	4	
PRAGGNANANDHAA R.	g	2706	0	1	0	½	1½
DING LIREN	g	2753	1	0	1	½	2½

Match 2

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
DING LIREN	g	2753	½	0	½	½	½	1	3
PRAGGNANANDHAA R.	g	2706	½	1	½	½	½	0	3

TOUR RANKINGS

		Airthings Masters	Charity Cup	Oslo Esports Cup	Chessable Masters	Total
1	M. CARLSEN	31¼	32¼	30	13	106½
2	PRAGGNANANDHAA R.	4¾	5¼	30	21¼	61¼
3	J.-K. DUDA	4¼	20¾	35	—	60
4	LE QUANG LIEM	7½	14	32½	—	54
5	DING LIREN	7½	11¾	—	31¼	50½
6	ANISH GIRI	5¼	—	22½	13¼	41
7	MAMEDYAROV	4¼	—	27½	7½	39¼
8	J. VAN FOREEST	—	8¾	25	4¼	38
9	ERIC HANSEN	7¾	4	7½	3¾	23
10	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	22¼	—	—	—	22¼
11	ANTÓN GUIJARRO	—	8	—	7	15
T-12	AN. ESIPENKO	12	—	—	—	12
T-12	V. ARTEMIEV	12	—	—	—	12
14	H. NIEMANN	3¾	7½	—	—	11¼
15	S. VIDIT	—	5	—	4¼	9¼
16	P. HARIKRISHNA	—	4	—	4½	8½
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